



Upcoming Events

'I Love My Child' Family Fun Day
August 6, 9 a.m. - Noon
Wintersmith Park, Ada, Okla.
(580) 436-3419

Holba' Pisachi' Film Festival
August 12-13
Chickasaw Cultural Center,
Sulphur, Okla.
(580) 622-7130

2016 Kullihoma Stomp Dance
August 13, 8 p.m. - 1 a.m.
Kullihoma
(580) 272-4112

Feather Art Class
August 20, 1 - 3 p.m.
Chickasaw Council House
Museum, Tishomingo, Okla.
(580) 371-3351

Family Cultural Enrichment Camp
Aug. 20, 8:30a.m. - 7:30p.m.
Chickasaw Cultural Center
Sulphur
(580) 622-7130

Back to School Bash
August 21, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
South Lakes Event Center
Oklahoma City
(405) 767-8943

Movie Night at the Museums
August 26, 8 p.m.
Chickasaw National Capitol
Tishomingo
(580) 371-9835

Black Ash Basket Workshop
August 26, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
ARtesian Gallery & Studios
Sulphur
(580) 622-8040

Back to School Bash
August 27, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Reaves Park, Norman, Okla.
(405) 767-8943

Five Brothers Exhibit Opening Reception
September 2, 5-7 p.m.
ARtesian Gallery & Studios
Sulphur, Okla.
(580) 622-8040

Back to School Canvas Paint
September 3, 10 a.m.-Noon
and 1-3 p.m.
Artesian (Sulphur)/Arts and
Humanities Building (Ada)
(580) 272-7781

Labor Day Celebration
September 3-4
Chickasaw Cultural Center
Sulphur, Okla.
(580) 622-7130



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Chickasaw elders, veterans gather

THACKERVILLE, Okla. - Chickasaw elders celebrated those who "Blazed the Trail" during the 23rd annual Chickasaw Elders Conference at WinStar World Casino, June 28-29.

Governor Bill Anoatubby welcomed more than 350 elders and presented awards to senior center staff and elders.

"Supporting the elders in our community is one of the most important things we can do," Gov. Anoatubby said. "We are grateful for all you have been able to do for us. You helped blaze that trail to help us. You are the foundation of the Chickasaw Nation."

Gov. Anoatubby announced the 2017 Chickasaw Elders Conference will be in the new WinStar Convention Center. The facility is currently under construction.

"The Elders Conference has grown over the years," he said. "We have 350 people at this conference this year, and I expect even more at next year's conference."

Gov. Anoatubby also announced the tribe was breaking ground in July on a new senior center in Oklahoma City. Additionally, he

announced the new Tishomingo Senior Site will open in October. This site replaces an older facility.

The conference featured inspirational speeches from Oklahoma State Rep. Lisa J. Billy and Special Assistant for Culture and Humanities Secretary Colleen Chadwick. Training sessions and information booths for programs and services were offered to Chickasaw elders at this year's conference.

VETERANS GATHER

The Chickasaw Nation's plans to construct a special meeting place for Chickasaw veterans are well under way.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby updated 190 veterans and guests on the Chickasaw Nation veterans' lodge June 27 at Thackerville. The group gathered for the second annual Chickasaw Veterans Conference at Winstar Casino and Resort.

More than 60 Chickasaw veterans attended a May 11 groundbreaking ceremony at Chickasaw Nation Medical Center complex in Ada, Okla., where the new facility will be situated.

"I think you will agree that this



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veterans' lodge is well designed," Gov. Anoatubby said. "It is designed to be a place you can call your own - a place where you can comfortably relax and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow veterans and brothers in arms."

Gov. Anoatubby said a dedicated and well-trained staff would provide counseling and assistance

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Anchors aweigh!



Caleb Hanegraaf wins the Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy boat race in his team's vessel, "Canoe of Doom." His team, House Stark, built the canoe and won the tournament-style race June 10. Fellow House Stark members are Vernie Liebl, Elijah Buckout, Logan Hulbutta and Jordan Muirhead. See page 14 for more.

OK Freewheel Tour leads riders across Chickasaw Nation

A Chickasaw elder and veteran has recently completed a unique bicycle tour through the area of the Five Civilized Tribes.

David Atkins participated in the OK FreeWheel Tribute to the Five Tribes during June. Mr. Atkins traveled from his home in Albuquerque, N.M., to join in the weeklong bicycle tour. The tour's route passed through the Cherokee, Muscogee (Creek), Seminole, Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. The tour began June 19 in Madill, Okla., and finished June 25 in Caney, Kansas.

The tour is sponsored by the Tulsa Bicycle Club.

Mr. Atkins, 68, grew up in Stonewall, Okla. He is the youngest of his siblings and has seen the health issues his family has

endured. In an effort to stay healthy, he has made cycling a benefit to overcome the odds of his family medical history. The first year he participated in the tour, he dedicated that ride to his nephew who died at 43 from heart disease.

"This is the 29th year that OK FreeWheel has hosted a cross-state bicycle ride," Mr. Atkins said. "They choose different routes each year. East to west or south to north, every year it is a different course."

This is Mr. Atkins' third year



DAVID ATKINS

to participate in OK Freewheel. Atkins has always been active in marathons. Before taking up cycling, he marathons runner. It was knee replacements in both

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Young ladies may apply now for Princess Pageant

Applications are now available for the 2016-2017 Chickasaw Princess, Chickasaw Jr. Princess and Little Miss Chickasaw 2016-2017 Pageant

Chickasaw Princesses serve and represent the Chickasaw Nation as ambassadors at a variety of events and activities throughout the year.

Eligibility:

Age 17-25 to apply for Chickasaw Princess; age 12-16 for Chickasaw Jr. Princess; and age 7-11 for Little Miss Chickasaw.

Candidates must reside within the 13-county region of the Chickasaw Nation, be at least one-quarter Chickasaw and a registered citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Must currently be enrolled in school, submit a recent grade report, have a minimum GPA of 2.0 and must be in good standing with the school.

In addition to the application, candidates must also include a copy of their CDIB and citizenship cards, a 5x7 photo (black and white or color) and three references (who are not related to the candidate).

Application deadline is Friday, Aug. 26.

Applications are available at www.Chickasaw.net/youth and at the Chickasaw Nation Youth Services Division, 231 Seabrook Rd, Ada, Oklahoma.

For more information, contact Mary Hartley, at (580) 310-9539 or (580) 272-7710.

A new game



Young Chickasaw golfer Brayden McGillbray receives instruction at Chickasaw Golf Camp.

THACKERVILLE, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Golf 101 Golf II Camp drew more than 180 Chickasaw youth to the WinStar Golf Course June 13-17.

Golf 101 participants, ages 8-11, spend two days learning the fundamentals of golf, techniques and life lessons from experienced staff. The beginner camp focuses on form, hitting, putting, rules of the game and types of golf clubs.

Golf II camp is for seasoned youth golfers ages 12-18. The camp develops talents through several skill-building exercises. Along with learning the intricacies of golf, the attendees will also learn life skills such as honor, integrity and sportsmanship.

Both camps are supported by the United States Golf Association.

Poll tabs Gov. Anoatubby top leader in Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA CITY - Governor Bill Anoatubby has been named "2016 Most Powerful Oklahoman" in a statewide poll of business, civic and governmental leaders.

The honor was reported in the July 1 edition of *OKC Friday* newspaper, a weekly publication covering northern areas of Oklahoma City, Nichols Hills and The Village.

"The reason for Anoatubby's rise to the top seems fairly obvious as he has provided leadership...to save virtually every

worthwhile project in this state while others simply shrugged..." wrote *OKC Friday* publisher Vicki Clark.

G o v . Anoatubby topped the list in votes tabulated from 250 ballots distributed by the news-



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paper.

"Anoatubby's vision for this state and his people was confirmed when he offered to partner with Oklahoma City to complete and open the American Indian Cultural Center and Museum, Clark wrote.

"Envisioned as a world-class tourism destination in the heart of America, the center is to showcase the history and culture of Oklahoma's 39 federally recognized Indian tribes. No other state project had been

derided with more false information by the Legislature because it didn't want to pay for it.

"Fortunately for Oklahoma City and our state, Gov. Bill Anoatubby has the imagination and forethought to know that, one day, the American Indian Cultural Center will be as important to Oklahoma tourism as the OKC Thunder has been," the news story said.

Fifty Oklahomans were included on the ballot, with Gov. Anoatubby finishing first. Sec-

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Ada Area Job Fair
Sept. 8, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Chickasaw Community Center, Ada, Okla.
(580) 436-7291

Coffee and Careers
September 13, 1-4 p.m.
Carl Albert Service Center, Ada, Okla.
(580) 436-7259

Grandparent's Celebration
September 10-11
Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur, Okla.
(580) 622-7130

Five Brothers show set for ARTesian Gallery Sept. 2 - Nov. 25

SULPHUR, Okla. – The Art of the Five Brothers exhibit is scheduled to open September 2 at he ARTesian Gallery and Studios in Sulphur. The exhibit will run through Nov. 25.

The exhibit will feature works by Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen. Visitors are invited to meet the artist at a special reception from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 2 at the gallery. There will be live music and refreshments.

Mr. Larsen is a painter and sculptor of history. He dedicates time researching the people and events he presents in his works.

In 2012 Mr. Larsen completed “The Arrival,” a large sculpture for the Chickasaw Cultural Center. It is a twice-lifesize bronze sculputure representing the new start of the Chickasaw Nation following Removal.

For more information about the exhibit or the reception, contact the ARTesian Gallery and Studios at (580) 622-8040.

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From left, Nik Paniagua, Zac Hawkins, Brian Paniagua, John Welch, Tom John, Wayne King, John Ellis, Christian Ellis, David Atkins, Paul Emeric, Cory Gilliam, Rocco DiMambro, Amanda DiMambro and Judy Parker standing in front of the Chickasaw White House.

knees that ended his hobby as a marathon runner, and began his interest in cycling.

After retiring, he was able to get more involved with cycling as a hobby and concentrate even more on his health. He is a member of the Chickasaw Cycling Club, Which is comprised of Chickasaw citizens, Chickasaw Nation employees and local community members.

“Health and fitness is highly important to me, especially with my family history. My family has a medical history of cardiovascular disease and diabetes. My goal has always been to break the cycle,” said Mr. Atkins. “I think health is extremely important for our youth as well. Statistics are showing that a lot of our youth have poor health conditions. They are obese or not eating healthy. Later on in life, all of those hab-

its, will take a toll on their body. If you start early you can prevent these diseases.”

In addition to cycling, Mr. Atkins joined the Chickasaw Warrior Society last year. It is important to him to represent veterans, health and the Chickasaw Nation while he rides these tours.

“I am happy our tribe wants us to seek opportunities for us to be active in physical activities,” Atkins said. “You are never too old to participate in the any sport or start something new.”

The Chickasaw Cycling Club The Chickasaw Cycling Club is open to the public and offers an outlet for locals to find riding buddies. The group focuses on road biking, with a bit of mountain biking on the side. The group meets weekly for bike rides and participates in yearly events, like the annual Pontotoc Pursuit.

The club also offers community service opportunities and plans to clean up the Ada bike trail, which stretches across town from Main Street to Stadium Drive near Ada High School.

The group meets the second Thursday of every month, usually at 5:30 p.m. in the Chickasaw Community Center, 700 N. Mississippi Ave., Ada, Oklahoma. Anyone interested in becoming a member need only attend a meeting and fill out an application. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age, and if below 18 must be accompanied by an adult family member. The entry fee is \$25 for individuals and \$40 for families.

To join the Chickasaw Cycling Club, contact Johnna Walker at johnna.walker@chickasaw.net.

CHIC offers free, quick health information

A great health information resource is available to Chickasaws right now.

The Chickasaw Health Information Center (CHIC) is a free health information computer system. CHIC helps people research health issues in a private and secure environment. People use CHIC to find answers to personal health questions.

CHIC can be accessed online, by phone or in person. CHIC is located in the main lobby of the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada.

CHIC is provided by the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health and National Library of Medicine. This effort offers access to quality health information that will enable patients and families to make healthy choices.

For more information, visit www.chicresources.net or call (580)436-3980.

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ond on the list was Clay Bennett, the Oklahoma City businessman responsible for the Thunder's relocation to the metroplex from Seattle, Washington; Larry Nichols, executive chairman of Devon Energy; David Boren, president of the University of Oklahoma and

Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett rounded out the top five.

Also making the list at No. 13 was Chickasaw citizen and U.S. Rep. Tom Cole, who serves in the U.S. House of Representatives from Oklahoma's 4th Congressional District.

The newspaper was founded in the early 1970s by J. Leland Gourley, an Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame inductee, former gubernatorial candidate and chief of staff to Gov. J. Howard Edmondson.

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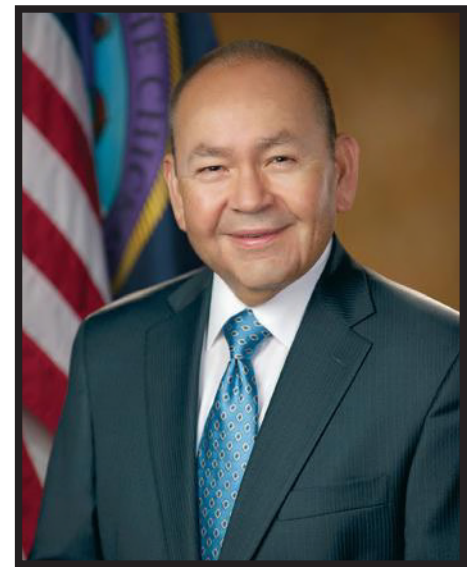
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Nation

Nation has survived, grown and flourished through the perseverance of Chickasaw people. Throughout the centuries, Chickasaws have unfailingly adjusted to changing environments and soldiered on, even when times were very tough.

As our tribe has moved forward, service to others, along with perseverance, has been key. Service to the tribe, service to the people, service to others. Many Chickasaws throughout history have dedicated themselves to the types of service that have propelled us to where we are today.

The tenet of service has been expressed through the ac-

tions of Chickasaws who were compelled to help their fellow man. These servant-leaders are role models who, through their actions, have built a foundation of altruism and caring across the generations of Chickasaws.

Virtually everyone knows the famous Chickasaws and the contributions they have made.

Te Ata Thompson Fisher was the acclaimed Chickasaw storyteller, actress and folklorist who enchanted millions with her performances and presentations. Through her professional career, she displayed courage and dignity. Over the years, countless young Chickasaws have modeled their lives on hers.

John Herrington is a retired U.S. Navy pilot who became a NASA astronaut and space shuttle crew member. His hard work, ambition and determination took him to the top of his profession. He has been an inspiration to many young Chickasaws with dreams of flight, achievement and adventure.

Te Ata and Cmdr. Herrington are people we all recognize and admire. And there are so many other Chickasaws who, through their service, have laid the groundwork for our tribal success.

G. Dixie Colbert, Helen Cole, Overton "Buck" Cheadle, Pauline Brown, Tom Cole, Ken Lance, Douglas Johnston, Overton James, Thelma "Chincie" Ross, Lisa Billy, Winchester Colbert, Edgar Asbury. Each, among so many others, has contributed greatly to the Chickasaw Nation through dedication to the service of others.

G. Dixie Colbert was a Chickasaw jurist, World War II veteran, husband, father, servant. Judge Colbert's life spanned a short 55 years, but the impact he made through his service was dynamic.

In his teens, he discovered a love for boxing and became a Golden Gloves champion. Following his wartime service, he earned a law degree at Oklahoma City University. He returned to his roots in Sulphur, Okla., where he served as district judge and raised an exceptional family. Each of his six children has gone on to an outstanding professional career, and, like their father, service to the Chickasaw Nation.

Judge Colbert taught his children that commitment to service was paramount to achievement, success and fulfillment. Through his example, he created a legacy of service to the tribe. His children have consistently contributed to the strength of the Chickasaw Nation through their dedication to service.

Each of us has the capability to serve. Service takes many forms, but it is always about helping others and doing the right thing.

When you think about the Chickasaw Nation and the incredible journey we have traveled, remember our foundation is built on the service of Chickasaws to others. When we follow the path of service, we are honoring those who have blazed the trail before us.

Get involved with your tribe today. Your service makes you an important part of our history!

Young Chickasaw golfers compete in Native American Junior Open

THACKERVILLE, Okla. - The Native American Junior Golf Open hosted 69 Native American athletes, ages 8-18, to WinStar Golf Course for a one-day golf tournament Saturday, June 18. The tournament allows youth to experience a tournament atmosphere without the pressures of a school or golf association tournament.

Seasoned young Chickasaw golfers made appearances at the tournament. Peyton "Beans" Factor of Ada, Okla., who has won many tournaments and awards, attended this event. Last year, Beans won a contest that sent her to the Ladies Professional Golf Association final tournament of the season in Naples, Florida. She met professional golfers Lydia Ko, Paula Creamer, Sandra Gal and Alison Lee.

Jimsey Factor, Beans' father, said Beans' schedule not only keeps her occupied, but keeps him busy as well.

"This is a busy year for Beans," Mr. Factor said. "So far this year, Beans has been in 27 tournaments. This week we are going to Illinois for the Pepsi's Little People Tournament. After that we are going to Austin for the Texas Mexico Cup. Both tournaments are invitation only only."

Beans will also play in Oklahoma City U.S. Children Tournament after the Texas Mexico Cup. She recently won the Women's Oklahoma Golf Association for the Jr. Girls State Championship and won the state championship for her age division, ages 8-9.

Chloe Black was also competed in the tournament. Chloe has won multiple U.S. Kids Golf Player of the Year awards. She has also been the 4A state runner-up, All Conference, All City and All-VYPE, twice in a row. She has played in many tournaments such as the U.S. Kids Golf, South Central Junior PGA, Oklahoma Junior Golf Tour, PING Interclub Championship and the Women's Oklahoma Golf Association (WOGA).

The Native American Junior Open is also a qualifier for the Team Chickasaw golf team. Participants were broken into age groups and separated by gender.

Chickasaw youth who placed at the event are:

Girls, Age 8-9
Beans Factor - First Place
Caleb Cobb - Second Place

Boys, Age 10-11
Ethan Cooper Hardison - First Place
Priest Williams - Second Place

Girls, Age 12-14
Lauren John - First Place
Macey Minor - Third Place

Boys, Age 12-14
Macen Marris - Second Place
Paden Cripps - Third Place

Justin Johnson - Honorable Mention
Camden Cabaniss - Honorable Mention
Jared Warburton - Honorable Mention

Girls, Age 15-18
Chloe Black - First Place
Douglas-Ann Smith - Third Place
Maisie Liddell - Honorable Mention
Jordan Goodman - Honorable Mention

Boys, Age 15-18
Blake Woerz - Second Place
Hunter Mann - Honorable Mention
Elijah Factor - Honorable Mention



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Dustin Foskey first two-time scholarship winner

Chickasaw student tops charts at Oklahoma Business Week

ADA, Okla.—Dustin Foskey, a Chickasaw senior from Caney, Okla., became the first student ever to win \$2,000 in scholarships during Oklahoma Business Week. Mr. Foskey has attended the camp offered at East Central University for the past two summers.

Mr. Foskey will attend ECU this fall. He was selected for Freshman Business Scholars Program at the Stonecipher School of Business after his accomplishments at Business Week.

Advisors said he stood out with both peers and camp recruiters with his natural leadership abilities.

“Dustin quickly took to the role of leader and helped his team accomplish a high level of success from day one,” Rick McMurtrey, camp adviser and Sonic franchise owner said.

In summer 2015, Mr. Foskey’s first year at Business Week, he was chosen chief executive officer for his team’s company, Blue Sky Music. He led his team to first place in two of the camp competitions, Business Simulation and the Stock Market Challenge. Team Blue Sky Music took first in the overall camp competition. Along with his first \$1,000 scholarship, Mr. Foskey also earned a laptop computer.

“We observed a bright young man who demonstrated good communications skills, team-

work, hustle and great leadership skills,” ECU Business Dean Wendell Godwin said.

Upon graduation from high school, Mr. Foskey spent a second summer at Oklahoma Business Week participating in the Advanced Leaders Division. Only 15 of 80 participants were selected to compete at the advanced level. He was awarded the All-Around Outstanding Leader Award and a second \$1,000 scholarship.

Mr. Foskey said a highlight of his experience was the honor of introducing Governor Bill Anoatubby at the awards ceremony.

“My experiences at Oklahoma Business Week were amazing,” Mr. Foskey said. “This program is the reason I decided to go to ECU and major in the business field. My experience has been challenging and fun. I learned many things that apply not just to business but to my entire life. For example, remembering that your actions in leadership and your professionalism are always being watched. This was my favorite lesson, because it was not something I thought about that much.”

While in high school, Mr. Foskey prepared for his future in the business world as president of the Caney chapter of Business Professionals of America and attended concurrent college courses through Oklahoma State University. He has benefited from the



Dustin Foskey, far left, is the first ever two-time Oklahoma Business Week scholarship winner. He is shown with teammates Yesenia Gonzalez, Bailee McCurdy, Barak Segura and ReAnn Wall at the Business Week awards ceremony. The camp, sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation, was in June at the East Central University Stonecipher School of Business in Ada.

Chickasaw Nation Higher Education program and Youth Services. After graduating from ECU, he plans to work for Devon Energy, the Chickasaw Nation or become a business owner.

“Dustin is a great representative of Caney High School, the Chickasaw Nation and Oklahoma Business Week,” Mr. Godwin said. “I am excited to be engaged in his future education.”

Oklahoma Business Week is an award-winning, one-of-kind

summer program offered by East Central University and attended by students from all over the U.S., including Chickasaw students. Campers receive firsthand experience with the world of business, forming their own mock companies and competing in teams.

Students have opportunities to interact and learn from business leaders from across the nation. In 2016 students heard from business professionals like Devon Energy executive vice president

Alan Marcum; Steve Hahn of AT&T; Vision Bank CEO Jim Hamby; Becky Payton, regional vice president of human resources at Mercy Hospital; and Hillary Farrell, vice chairman of Ackerman-McQueen.

For more information please visit www.okbusweek.com or call the Chickasaw Nation Division of Education at (580) 421-7711.

CONTRIBUTED BY Jennifer Jones, Public Affairs.

Ada Area Job Fair Sept. 8

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation will host the 17th Annual Ada Area Job Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 8 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center, 700 N. Mississippi, Ada.

Area employers from a wide variety of industries will be searching for talented employees with varying levels of ability and education.

Employers from health care, finance, retail, transportation, customer service, distribution,

mechanical, food service, construction, manufacturing and industrial maintenance and other fields will be on-site to connect with prospective employees and accept resumes.

The fair is open to the public. Private rooms will be available for employers who wish to interview on-site.

For more information, contact Darrell Walker at (580) 436-7291.

‘Goosebumps’ showing August 26 at capitol

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - All are welcome to come out and enjoy the “Movie Night at the Museums” screening of “Goosebumps,” at 8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 26 at the Chickasaw National Capitol in Tishom-

ingo.

Admission is free and guests are invited to bring lawn chairs and blankets. Popcorn and refreshments will be available.

“Movie Night at the Museums”

is presented by Chickasaw Nation History and Culture.

For more information, contact History and Culture at (580) 371-9835.

Chikasha Pehlichikbi candidates apply now

The Chickasaw Nation Chikasha Pehlichikbi (CPI) Youth Leadership Program, is now accepting applications for the 2016-2017 school year. Applicants must be Chickasaw citizens between the ages of 14 and 18, and have a grade point average of 2.0 or higher.

Applications are available at

the Chickasaw Nation Youth Services building, 231 Seabrook Road in Ada, or online at www.chickasaw.net.

All applications must be submitted by Sept. 15.

For more information, call (580) 310-6620 or email youthleadership@chickasaw.net.

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2016 STOMP DANCE SCHEDULE

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JUNE 18, 8 P.M. - 1 A.M.
JULY 16, 11 P.M.
AUG. 13, 8 P.M. - 1 A.M.
SEPT. 23, 8 P.M. - 1 A.M.



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The Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities Division presents

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‘Old Natchez Trace’ puts Chickasaw students in touch with history

Before recorded time, animals followed it to reach distant grazing lands and salt licks. Generations of Native Americans patterned through it following bison and other game. Settlers, traders and explorers later walked it in search of wealth and goods.

Last October, eight East Central (OK) University (ECU) students enjoyed an experience most folks envision only through history books and Internet searches. They took in the sights, sounds and stories of this well-worn path: the Old Natchez Trace.

“I wanted to go to my homelands,” Chickasaw citizen and ECU student Taylor Polson said. “It was so overwhelming. We went to so many amazing places it was hard to keep up. I couldn’t believe I was standing in places of people I had studied, my people!”

With the cooperation of the National Park Service, Chickasaw Nation, Choctaw Nation, ECU and Southeastern Oklahoma State University (SOSU), students and tribal members studied and explored their own heritage through a college-credited course and field trip. For the students, the Natchez Trace was like stepping into personal history.

THE TRACE

The Natchez Trace was a complex trail running through Chickasaw and Choctaw homelands in what is now Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee. The path begins just off the Mississippi River, in the homelands of the Natchez (pronounced Nah-Chee) Indians for which the Trace is named. The Trace moves northeast from Natchez, Mississippi, toward Nashville, Tennessee.

Chickasaw, Choctaw and Natchez Indians descend from the Mississippian culture, a mound-building Native American civilization rooted in the Midwest, Eastern and Southeastern U.S. Mississippian communities were interconnected throughout the region sharing culture, art, spirituality and goods.

The Natchez Trace runs through the land where the Mississippian people lived. They used the Trace for trade and travel centuries before European contact. It helped connect these communities, so historically and culturally significant sites for the Chickasaw and Choctaw people are peppered around the Trace.

Critical among these culturally important locations are the various mounds the Mississippian tribes constructed to honor their leaders, bury their dead and mark perimeters, among other purposes. For some Choctaw de-

scendants, the traditional belief is the first humans entered the world through a mound.

After European settlers began trading with the indigenous people of the area, the Natchez Trace became an important trade route for them. The Mississippi River swept traders southwestward where they would sell off all of their stock, then the Trace offered a trusted route back northeast.

Traders who made their living this way came to be known as Kaintucks. Food, tools, fuel and animals were among the many products sold or traded as they traversed the mighty river. After pocketing their profits and void of trade goods, the Kaintucks would often dismantle and sell their rafts as lumber. They would trek back up the Natchez Trace on foot.

On some parts of the Trace, the forest floor towers overhead while the trail seems to burrow through the ground. The path was stomped into the earth by generations of travelers.

In the 1800s, some Chickasaws put up stands or inns and offered ferries to serve travelers and traders on the Trace.

With the advent of steamboats, utilitarian use of the Trace diminished. Before the big boats arrived, a trip down river left no alternative home aside from fighting a swift current or an exhaustive overland trek. Steamboats solved this problem, opening up the Mississippi River for two-way trips.

As time went on, the Trace received less and less foot traffic. Nature began to reclaim it. In 1937, the National Park Service (NPS) started efforts to preserve the history and beauty of the Trace.

THE PARKWAY

The Trace served many purposes through the years. Preservation and recreation are two more modern purposes.

The NPS, now celebrating its 100th anniversary, memorialized the Old Natchez Trace with pavement and a protected park called



OLD NATCHEZ TRACE

the Natchez Trace Parkway. The Parkway is a 444-mile long scenic road roughly following the same path as the original Trace with many stops along the way for hiking, camping, sightseeing and exploring historical sites.

For today’s visitors, the Parkway might offer a relaxing bike ride or an awe-inspiring vista. But, thanks to NPS efforts to preserve historical sites, the Parkway also offers a unique service to descendants of the Mississippian civilization.

“As Southeastern Indians, especially Chickasaw people, we look at these places as being very old, ancient architecture left from our ancestors,” said LaDonna Brown, tribal anthropologist for the Chickasaw Nation. “It is a part of our spiritual makeup, and it is very important to us that they be respected and protected.”

Respect and protection are at the heart of the NPS mission for the Natchez Trace Parkway: “to preserve and protect cultural and natural resources important to the identity of the United States, while providing for the enjoyment of these lands for current and future generations.”

As an extension of this mission, an employee with NPS made it possible for members of the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations to help preserve the history of the Natchez Trace.

THE PARTNERSHIP

In 2010, Jane Farmer began working as park guide for the Natchez Trace Parkway. One of her first projects was developing educational material to teach grade school students about the Parkway and Trace. Farmer said she realized telling the story of the Natchez Trace meant telling the story of the Native Americans who lived in the area.

“If I could get the Chickasaw people to develop lesson plans, they could tell the stories they felt were important, and they could tell the stories much more accurately than I could,” Ms. Farmer said. “I wouldn’t be able to write things with the same heart as the Chickasaw people could.”

She contacted the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations, then sought program funds from the NPS to help fulfill her vision. The NPS and the two tribes reached out to ECU and SOSU to plan a college course designed for Chickasaw and Choctaw students.

THE CLASS AND TRIP

Since 2014, ECU and SOSU has offered a yearly class in association with the NPS to help Chickasaw and Choctaw students connect with their ancestors and Homeland. For many students, the trip was their first visit to the lands where their people originated.

Jalena Walker, Hannah Roquemore, Liz Yochum, Kayla Wood, Courtney Parchcorn, Hannah Fortner, Patrick Cooke, Daniel Walker and Taylor Polson took the course and made the trip in Oct. 2015. These students found themselves peering into a historical world, a sight depicting locales sacred to the Chickasaw people and other descendants of Mississippian tribes.

Ms. Farmer, who gave tours during the student trips, said each student group was unique although their routes all centered on portions of the Parkway.

“Students had the opportunity to walk on original sections of the Old Trace, possibly on the same exact trails as their ancestors once trod,” she said.

Students visited Tuscumbia Landing, Colbert’s Stand, the Chickasaw village site and the

Moundville Archaeological Park and Museum.

Students also toured old village sites and ancient mounds now protected by the Parkway. Some visited nearby ridges where Chickasaw families once lived. Others peeked into a cave important to the creation story of the Choctaw people.

Jalena Walker, one of the participating Chickasaw students, said she didn’t know much about these sites before studying them and seeing them in person.

“To me, it seemed to take me back to when Chickasaw people were there and what it looked like back then,” Ms. Walker said.

Dr. Thomas Cowger, ECU Chickasaw Endowed Chair, history professor and director of the Native American Studies program, taught the course and accompanied students on the trip.

He said in his four years of involvement in the project, he watched it be a life-altering experience for many of the participating students.

“We found it nearly impossible to fully prepare them for the overwhelming and visceral reactions they felt when they actually stood on such important Chickasaw historical sites,” Dr. Cowger said.

Back in Oklahoma, the students came together to create curriculum for younger students teaching the history of the Chickasaw Nation along the Trace from a Chickasaw perspective. These materials were tailor-made for teachers as lessons with no cost to use in their classrooms. However, the information is also available to learners all over the world online.

The fruits of the students’ labor can be accessed at<https://www.nps.gov/natr/learn/education/classrooms/curriculummaterials.htm>

“We built a relationship with the Natchez Trace Parkway to help interpret our culture and history on the Parkway,” Ms. Brown, who acted as tour guide for the students, said. “We told our own story in our own words about the homeland.”

In the end, Ms. Brown said, the course and visit to the Natchez Trace Parkway offered Chickasaw students not only a look back, but also a look in.

“It was a trip for these students to learn who they really are, where they come from, where their culture comes from and how that relates to them in the 21st century,” she said. “Once we got to the first stop on site, the students connected and realized that’s me, these are my ancestors. It wasn’t academic anymore.”

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Native Chickasaw Explorers study route in homelands, Western U.S.

A recent exploration of fossil sites across seven states brought a group of Native American college students to a greater understanding of their roots.

Eleven college students, including Chickasaws Britany Lofton, Katie Bynam, Lana Duke, Nahinli Billy and Ben Conrad, embarked on the trip of a lifetime through the Native Explorers Program. The Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences sponsors the expedition. Dr. Kent Smith, a Chickasaw and Associate Dean in the Office for the Advancement of American Indians in Medicine and Science directs the program.

Native students dug into a hands-on field course in vertebrate paleontology. They studied vertebrate fossils in west central Nevada and southwestern New Mexico during the 11-day, 5,000-mile trip. Field work included fossil digs and collections, geoscience experience and lab work. Students earned three hours of upper division college credit in geosciences at Oklahoma State University.

“The Native Explorers Program frames its student-based activities around paleontology and geosciences,” Dr. Smith said. “The program provides Native students with robust geoscience experiences through lab and fieldwork opportunities in vertebrate paleontology. It weaves geosciences into traditional ways and tribal culture. Location-specific instruction engages the sense of place by focusing on local physical surroundings and promotes respect for the natural world and encourages cultural sustainability.”

Camping in tents and spending



Native Explorers visited the north rim of the Grand Canyon in time to see the sunset before their fossil dig at Kanab, Utah. Front row from left are Cody Miller, Mason Two Crow, Sara Hofferber, Kaylee Ecklar, Brittany Lofton, Lana Duke, Emma Kincade and Dale Harber. Back row from left are Nahinli Billy, Nicholas Czaplewski, Masheli Billy, Brandy MacDonald, Ben Conrad, Ravyn Bevard, Mara Fields, Katie Bynum, Kelsea Bandy, Apollonia Piña, Keithen Cast, Bianca Hill and Jared Wahkinney.

their days at fossil digs, students traveled to Nevada’s Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park and Monarch Mill Formation learning about the fossils and geology of the mining town and fossil site. Students collected fossil specimens that will be curated and housed at the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History in Norman, Okla. They learned about the local plants and animals, building a connection to the role these elements played in the lives of their ancestors. Evenings were spent around the campfire exchanging stories, songs and dances specific to various tribal traditions.

In Kanab, Utah, two hours from the North Rim of Grand Canyon, students made it to the canyon just in time to see the sunset. They camped at City of Rocks State Park collecting fossils and

learning about local geology.

Native Explorer students represented the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee (Creek), Osage and Three Affiliated Tribes Nations. A demonstration from the Chickasaw Nation dance troupe was part of the experience.

“To date, programs such as Native Explorers has had a profound influence on numerous Native students’ professional trajectories,” Dr. Smith said. “These programs have inspired an appreciation of the natural and earth sciences. They have enhanced the meaningfulness of scientific careers to stewardship and understanding of the natural world that is central to Native American culture.”

Learn more about the Native Explorers Program at www.nativeexplorers.org.

Another group of college students dug into the history of a Chickasaw village in Mississippi.

The Chickasaw Explorers visited the Chickasaw homelands and worked with archaeologists and educators, June 5-18. Ten Chickasaw college students helped unearth artifacts from a historic Chickasaw village dating back to 1541.

A connection with cultural heritage and historic preservation played a major role in the program’s itinerary. Twelve students from the University of Mississippi joined Chickasaw students at the site of Chickasha. The group was led by Dr. Tony Boudreaux and John W. O’Hear.

Some of the finds included decorated pottery vessel fragments and stone tools dating from the late 1400s to the early 1600s A.D., faunal remains from ancient meals and feasting, charred corn cobs, architectural post holes delineating ancient structures, and large overlapping clay borrow pits filled with domestic refuse from the daily lives of Chickasaw ancestors.

Students also toured many Chickasaw heritage sites in the Blackland Prairie around Tupelo and Tishomingo, Mississippi, and Tuscumbia, Alabama during the two weeks of travel, cultural immersion and excavation.

The Chickasaw students who took part in this summer’s trip were Lauren Osborne, Vicki Demarrias, Ashlee Solice, Tashia West, Paige Hilburn, Erin Renn, Virgil Franks, Alan Wika, Colton Hall and Jason Burris.

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‘Back to School Bash’ set for Norman, OKC Aug. 21 & 27

Chickasaw college students and their families are invited to Chokka’ Kilimpi’ “Back-to-School Bashes.”

Students will learn about educational and cultural services provided by the Chickasaw Nation. Students can also participate in a social stickball game and enjoy a free picnic.

Celebrations will take place in Norman and Oklahoma City.

The Oklahoma City bash will be 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 21. Please RSVP to Renee Wilson at (405) 767-8943 or Renee.Wilson@chickasaw.net by Aug. 14.

The Norman gathering is set for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 27 at Reaves Park, 2501 Jenkins Avenue. RSVP to Karen Fish at (405)767-8943 or Karen.Fish@chickasaw.net by Aug. 20.

Canvas art class set for Sept. 3

A canvas art class is set for Saturday, Sept. 3 in both Ada and Sulphur.

Classes are 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m., in the Arts and Humanities building, 201 N. Broadway, Ada, and at the ARTesian Gallery and Studios, 100 West Muskogee St., Sulphur.

This event is open to the public and allows families to create Native designs through a painting session. The classes are sponsored by Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities.

For more information, contact Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

Honoring our Chickasaw veterans, elders a humbling experience

Hello fellow Chickasaws, I hope each of you have had an enjoyable summer filled with family fun.

I had the pleasure of attending the 2nd Annual Veterans Conference at WinStar a few months ago and I must say it was a huge success. I was honored to be in the same room with many of these men and women who devoted portions of their lives to serving others. Looking out over the conference room I saw a sea of ball caps proudly worn by each veteran supporting their branch of service. Our proud Chickasaw veterans were honored by all that attended and needless to say, the Chickasaw Nation holds them in high regard. As the granddaughter of a WWII Army infantry veteran and the wife of a Vietnam War Marine combat veteran, I must say how proud I am of their service to our country. Another proud Chickasaw currently serving is my nephew who is stationed at Pearl Harbor Naval Base in Hawaii. The sacrifice made by all those who serve and protect our great country does not go unnoticed.

The new Veterans Lodge located on the grounds of the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center will be a place of comfort, fellowship and ad-

vocacy for all Chickasaw veterans.

The next day I attended the Annual Elders Conference at Winstar as well. It was reported that there were over 330 attendees at the conference. The Chickasaw Nation also holds its Chickasaw Elders in the highest regard

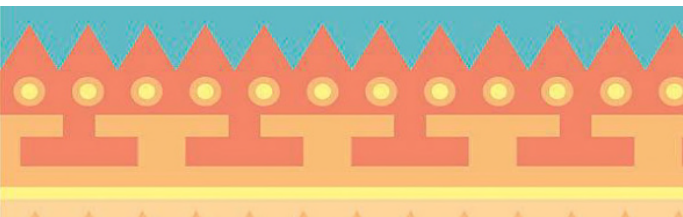


MARY JO GREEN

person, I would like to say how proud we are of Dean and Mary Jo for their contribution to the Elders' programs.

Thank you all for the love and support shown to our veterans and elders, and because of them, we live in the greatest country on earth.

Bless you all,
Connie Barker
Legislative Chairperson
Pickens District, seat 2



DEAN MCMANUS

and as treasured connections to our past and catalysts for our future.

Several very special women were honored for their outstanding contribution to the Elders' programs, Pat Woods, Dean McManus and Mary Jo Green. Dean and Mary Jo began their careers with the Chickasaw Nation working in programs that helped the Elders and later became long term Legislators. As Legislative Chair

Chickasaw people are all part of one big family that keeps on growing!

Chokma, Chinchokma, Hello, how are you? Summer means vacations and family reunions for my family! My mom and dad always made sure we went to the family reunion every year. My sisters and brother and I can remember going to Duncan Lake or Clear Creek Lake near Duncan, Okla., for years, to visit with my dad's family. What I remember most is there were always lots of tables covered with so much food, that I wondered how we could eat it all, including varieties of salads, dishes from the garden, like fried okra or potatoes, corn on the cob and green beans, and of course, the dessert table, with every kind of pie or cobbler and cake you could imagine.

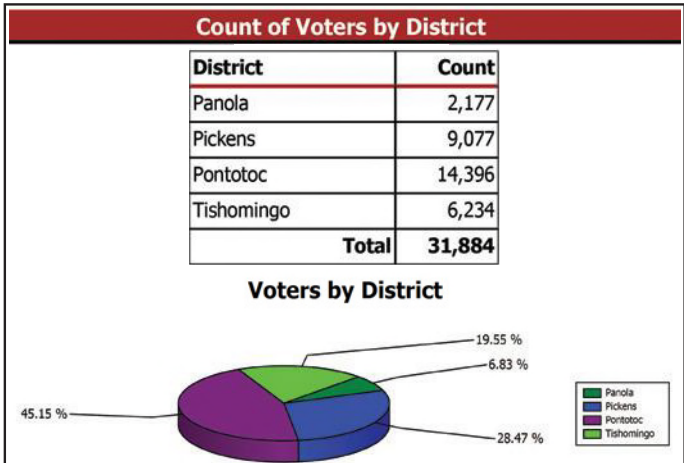
There would be fried chicken and fish, roast beef, and ham. Just the sight of the food tables was enough to excite every child there! All the cousins would run and play together, and sometimes, we would get to swim or fish in the lakes. We would eat under the open air pavilion, swat the flies, and enjoy each other's company. I also remember lots of vacations spent going to visit relatives. I was very blessed my parents always taught, by example, that family was important.

As Chickasaw people, we are all part of a large family. I hope you are able to take advantage of the many opportunities provided by our tribe to get involved, learn about the history and culture, and make family memories. You don't have to live within the Chickasaw Nation boundaries in order to take advantage of these opportunities. More and more Community Councils and Citizen Connection groups are forming across the U.S. There are several Facebook groups of Chickasaws learning and practicing the Chickasaw language together. If we don't pass on our language and heritage to our children and grandchildren, it will eventually be lost. We are so blessed to have many resources available to us to help pass on that heritage. I am proud to be Chickasaw! It is one of my greatest honors to be able to serve the Chickasaw people as a legislator.

Thank you to all of our military members and law enforcement officers for looking out for us and keeping us safe. We are especially blessed to have our own Chickasaw Lighthorse Police officers, who work hard every day with all local and state police forces within the Nation's boundaries. You have a very difficult job, and we appreciate your dedication and all you do for us.

Please let me know if I can help you in any way!

Chipisala cho anowa, Until I see you again,
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New Hall inductee G. Dixie Colbert implored his descendants to serve

Chokma! Greetings from the Tishomingo District! What a wonderful honor it was to witness my father, George Dixie Colbert, be inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame June 21.

Dozens of G. Dixie Colbert's descendants, including the five sons and one daughter, their children and grandchildren, along with several other family members and friends, were able to gather and celebrate together at the Hall of Fame ceremony.

We are all grateful for this wonderful tribute.

Although the family has expanded exponentially throughout the years, a common thread ties us together; a sense of pride in our Chickasaw heritage that G. Dixie instilled in all of us.

He also taught his children the importance of hard work and led us and the community by a servant-leader example.

Through serving you, Chickasaw citizens, I hope to reach my father's goal.

In the past three decades of my service to the Chickasaw Nation, we have been able to make tremendous progress for our people and the ability to enhance the overall quality of life for Chickasaw people.

We have made strides as a Nation that my father could have only imagined.

But, we will not stop.

Many of you have shared your thoughts, ideas and goals with me. Working together, we hope to further enhance our programs and services in areas such as education and housing.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative on the Chickasaw legislature. It is a privilege and an honor to serve you.

Thank you to the Chickasaw Nation for G. Dixie's inclusion into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame and this wonderful tribute of his lifetime of service.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Chokma'shki,
Tim Colbert, Tim.Colbert@chickasaw.net, 580-421-7242

Message from Little Miss Chickasaw Lauren Key



LAUREN KEY, LITTLE MISS CHICKASAW 2015-2016

Chokma! My Name is Lauren Key and I am the 2015-2016 Little Miss Chickasaw. This has been an amazing year so far. I have had fun on all of the trips and have also spend time with my two fellow princesses and our amazing coordinator Mary.

We have experienced many exciting events lately. We attended and performed at the Elders Conference in Thackerville, the Chickasaw Nation Head Start graduations for Ada, Sulphur, Tishomingo and Ardmore, the 30th Annual Red Earth Festival and we watched the crowning of 2016-2017 Miss Indian World in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

We also then traveled to Washington, D.C., to perform at the Daughters of the American Revolution 125th Continental Congress for the American Indian Committee luncheon.

We are attending the 67th Annual Choctaw Indian Fair in Choctaw, Mississippi. At this fair, we will experience the journey of the Choctaw people through historical, cultural displays, social dancing, tribal arts and crafts, also the World Series Stickball Tournament, as well as the Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant and traditional food.

One of the trips coming up is our farewell trip. It will be a memorable experience that I will share with my mom. Having this opportunity as Little Miss Chickasaw has definitely been worth it. I got to visit some amazing places and meet a lot of new people.

This is an experience that every girl would enjoy, while making lasting memories and lifelong sisters. I encourage every girl interested in representing the Chickasaw Nation to apply. Applications are now available for the 2016-2017 Chickasaw Pageant.

Yakoke
Lauren Key
2015-2016
Little Miss Chickasaw

2015-2016 Tribal Legislature

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Elders’ conference stirs memories of Chickasaw Cats, fellowship

Chukma and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. The Governor opened the 2016 Veterans’ Conference on June 27. This was the second annual Veterans’ Conference and it disseminated much information about veterans programs. Thank you to all the veterans who attended. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend due to a conflict with the funeral of Tommy Keel, the Lt. Gov.’s brother. However, I was able to attend the annual conference on Aging on the 28. Both were held at the Winstar facilities in Thackerville.



MARY JO GREEN

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

After Governor Anoatubby opened the elders’ Blaze A Trail conference, three special Trail-blazer awards were presented. Pat Woods was recognized for her hard work years ago walking the halls of Congress and pleading for help to start a program for seniors in Ada. She succeeded in gaining a small grant for nutrition meals and other programs for elders. Legislator Dean McManus was recognized for being the first and long-time director of Title VI (Aging) programs. I was honored to be recognized for my work in helping to start the first program and then working in Aging for over 20 years. The Nation still gets that grant, but also adds income from the tribe's businesses so that one program has been expanded to 12 programs. We each received a beautiful blue flame crystal statue. I am honored and blessed to be remembered in this way.

Years ago, Pat, Dean and I attend the national conference on aging in Michigan. We approached the Governor about the Chickasaw Nation sponsoring the national conference and we did so with a conference in Tulsa. We then started a one-day Chickasaw conference in the old gymnasium at headquarters in 1983.

We asked for some entertainment and we found a kitchen band from a nearby Methodist Church. That motivated us to create the Chickasaw Cats with me acting as the Mistress of Ceremonies. The Cats were in existence for some 24 years and included some 60 local Indians playing guitar, piano, banjo, fiddle (violin), harmonica and also singing. The Cats entertained at senior sites, nursing homes, and finally at two national conferences at Tulsa and the famous Grand Ol’ Opry. In 2008, there had been too many members that passed on so the group was disbanded. For each funeral, every Cats member would place a rose on the casket at the service, and continue to do so today. Unfortunately, only three of us survive to this day. Now that was a trip down Memory Lane!

As always, I would love to hear from you. Chi ihullo li! Until next time, I wish God’s blessings on all of our people. Thank you. Chipisala’cho!

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Campaigning provides opportunity to meet with Chickasaws, share stories

For those involved in tribal elections, June and July are a blur! Campaigning is hard work but such a neat opportunity to visit with Chickasaw citizens from every walk of life. There are so many stories yet to be discovered! If I had taken my camera, I could have taken 1000’s of pictures....showing the creativity of our people, their love for their families and animals.



BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

I am convinced that the majority of us have dogs in the house! Maybe even cats! But I did not experience any cats meowing at the front door or cornering me on the porch! Thank goodness I made it through this adventure unscathed! Let me encourage you to share some of your life adventures with us! It might inspire others to take the plunge! One of our Panola District Seniors recently stepped off this earth after 86 years. Mr. OC Beshirs, went home to be with Jesus on May 24, 2016. He was born in Yuba, Oklahoma and raised in Bryan County. After moving and working away from the area, OC made his way back to the Achille and eventually married his childhood sweetheart, Barbara Duke in 1987. Seems like OC was always working on something! He could regularly be seen, mowing grass in various places and in his spare time riding his bike. He was a member of Victory Tabernacle Church in Durant and was very proud of his Chickasaw heritage. He and Barbara were active members in the Achille Chickasaw Senior Center. One year, they were selected as the Senior Center King and Queen and represented The Achille Site at the Chickasaw Nation annual Valentine Banquet. You will be missed OC, but we shall see you again.



Barbara and OC Beshirs at a Chickasaw Nation Senior Citizens Valentine Banquet

Finally, brethren, “whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things.” ~ Philippians 4:8

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Hello Everyone, I want to thank everybody for the prayers for us during Jeff’s illness. The display of compassion was overwhelming. Jeff said there are few things as humbling as having people set aside their own issues to pray for him.

Jeff’s illness was something of a mystery to the initial health care facility we engaged. The doctors believed it was Jeff’s gallbladder causing the problems, so it was removed.



KATIE CASE

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

However, as Jeff continued to experience problems, the doctors thought the issues were still being caused by the gallbladder even though it was no longer in Jeff’s body.

My husband Wayne and I knew an intervention was necessary. Jeff was too ill to think effectively for himself. His wife, Doty, was doing all she could to help him literally minute-to-minute.

We offered to take Jeff to either of the best places we knew of – the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, or Baylor Scott & White in Dallas, Texas. Because of the urgency of Jeff’s situation, we chose Baylor Scott & White.

It was Friday afternoon and Jeff’s blood pressure was inexplicably falling to dangerously low levels. Local testing and results would not be available until the following week.

We couldn’t wait.

Within an hour, we had packed up and begun the drive to Baylor. As you can imagine, the Baylor emergency room at 6 p.m. on a Friday was just getting lively. Security personnel and hospital staff were effectively dealing with a troubled man who had issues.

Within five minutes after Jeff and Doty finished the admitting paperwork, Jeff was called back. We didn’t know it right then, but real and effective treatment was about to begin. Within an hour, the nurse, physician’s assistant and doctor had stopped Jeff’s pain and diagnosed his illness. The doctor also knew that treatment in the hospital would be necessary and quickly arranged for Jeff to be admitted.

Until our experience at Baylor, we didn’t realize what quality health care could look like. At Baylor, quality health care began with the first employees we met. Everyone was welcoming, polite, compassionate, and, above all, really good at his or her respective job. From the techs to the nurses, the PAs to the doctors, every employee was concerned about the patients’ well-being during their time at Baylor.

The lesson learned is that you must be proactive about your health care and be prepared to ask tough questions and make choices. If you are fully engaged, you will almost certainly make the right decisions. We were fortunate to have asked the right questions and chosen an outstanding facility in Baylor, which is maintaining a standard well above what we had previously experienced.

Be vigilant and be an advocate for your family member or other loved one. When you are actively engaged with your health care, you are helping promote a positive outcome.

Respectfully,
Katie

Anonymous

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Investments grow in Heritage Preservation, Education, Health

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe’s general fund and BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Division of Commerce. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of tribal government, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Business revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes and other sales revenues from convenience stores, travel plazas, tobacco stores, other tribal businesses as well as rental and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, the Chickasaw Times and governor’s and Lt. governor’s offices. Expenditures for education include education scholarships as well as the tribe’s division of education. Health expenditures include eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses’ expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending June 30, 2016

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$17.3 million for the month and \$150.6 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$13.1 million for the month and \$104.9 million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes through June 30, 2016 totaled \$1.03 billion. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$230.9 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$96.7 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At June 30, 2016, the tribal government funds had \$379.2 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$23.5 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does

not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$256.1 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of June 30, 2016, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of \$2.28 billion.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Nine Months Ended June 30, 2016			
	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	\$ 16,356,353	1,028,750,462	1,045,106,815
Transfers From Businesses To Tribal Government	134,272,660	(134,272,660)	-
Total Funds Available	150,629,013	894,477,802	1,045,106,815
Expenditures			
General Government	5,324,398	-	5,324,398
Legislature	2,212,624	-	2,212,624
Judiciary	874,458	-	874,458
Education	17,586,984	-	17,586,984
Heritage Preservation	17,972,904	-	17,972,904
Health	15,420,949	-	15,420,949
Youth Services	3,427,730	-	3,427,730
Family Services	10,631,511	-	10,631,511
Nutrition Programs	5,297,172	-	5,297,172
Regulatory	8,661,847	-	8,661,847
Assistance Programs	17,476,537	-	17,476,537
Gaming Expense	-	590,565,988	590,565,988
Other Businesses' Expense	-	207,208,168	207,208,168
Total Expenditures	104,887,114	797,774,157	902,661,270
Increase In Net Assets	45,741,900	96,703,645	142,445,545
Beginning Net Assets	818,638,319	1,322,439,260	2,141,077,579
Ending Net Assets	\$ 864,380,218	1,419,142,905	2,283,523,124

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets June 30, 2016			
	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash And Investments	\$ 379,238,535	256,113,951	635,352,486
Receivables	11,794,079	98,307,199	110,101,278
Inventory	-	7,035,081	7,009,542
Prepaid Expenses	-	20,095,763	20,095,763
Other Assets	-	1,078,139	1,078,139
Fixed Assets	477,333,097	1,173,966,008	1,651,324,644
Less Payables	(3,985,492)	(137,453,235)	(141,438,727)
Net Assets	\$ 864,380,218	1,419,142,905	2,283,523,124

BIRTHDAY



Come one come all to help us (the family) to celebrate the 96th birthday of a Chickasaw elder, Anna Lee Burkhart! A come-and-go reception will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 20 at the REA conference room in Marietta, Okla.

Mrs. Burkhart was born August 19, 1920 in Eastman, Okla., to Dora Souse Sanders (original Chickasaw enrollee) and Henry C. Sanders. She married George Van Burkhart, of Shady Dale, Okla., December 3, 1939, and celebrated 71 years of marriage prior to his death in December 2010.

Anna is extremely proud of being of Chickasaw heritage and promoted the Chickasaw programs in all her endeavors.

Anna Lee is the mother of seven children, eight grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

BIRTHS



The Yott triplets were born December 5, 2015 three months early at 27 weeks. They were born to Stacey and Chase Yott. Chase is 1/8 Chickasaw. The triplets are 1/16 Chickasaw, and the family was told that they were the first triplets born into the tribe. Left to right

Lynley, Casey, and Kaylee.

The triplets have a 5-year-old sister, Layla Grace. They are also the great-grandkids of Naomi Yott and George Yott, and Harold and Barbara Johnson, all of McAlester, Okla., Jim and Ruth Morgan, of Seminole, Okla., and Judy and Hal Eldredge, of Duncan, Okla. They are also the grandchildren of Gary and Fonda Saunders, of Ada, Okla., Sunny Saunders, of Shawnee, Okla., Ken and Cheryl Yott, of McAlester, and Carole and Kevin Odaniel, of Seminole.



Welcoming baby Carter Wade Reamy who was born February 10, 2016 in Norman, Okla., to Alyxandria Rae Ingram and David Lee Reamy. Carter is the grandson of Darrin and Alisa Ingram, of Blanchard, Okla., the great-grandson of James and Phyllis Ingram, of Enville,

Okla., Randy and Mary Attocknie, of Oklahoma City, and the late Patricia Attocknie. He is the great-great-grandson of the late Lena and David Farve.

ENGAGEMENT



We've agreed to settle! Bet you never thought you'd see the day, when the two of us would finally say, we'd take each other as man and wife, for better or worse, together for life. We've agreed it's time to settle, though marriage will certainly test our mettle, so we're announcing our engagement to you, because we finally plan to say, "I do."

Melinda Born, employed with Chickasaw Nation, in Norman, Okla., is to be married to Chickasaw citizen Daniel Gore, employee of Willards Wholesale Roofing, in Del City, Okla. Ms. Born is the daughter of Charles A. Born, of Chesapeake, Va., and Mrs. Georgia Mull, of Rifle, Colo. Mr. Gore

is the son of Mr. Larry Gore, Sr., and Mrs. Yvette Gore, of Byng, Okla. A June wedding is planned and will take place at Fossil Creek Ranch in Fitzhugh, Okla.

GRADUATIONS



Braxton Lee Pickard is a 2016 graduate of Edmond Memorial High School in Edmond, Okla. He is the son of Darrell and Gaylia Pickard, and grandson of Billy and Glenn Nell Hester, and Ralph Pickard.

Braxton has always been full of life, ready for an adventure. There has never been a dull moment in our lives with him. His passion, determination for life, and love for God has molded him into the amazing young man he is today. He loves to go fishing, play soccer, football, and spend time with family and friends. He is the youngest of four brothers, but can hold his own very well.

Braxton has played soccer all his life and it was that discipline and skill development that gave him the chance and ability for kicking, all football teams want a soccer player as their kicker. Braxton made the 2014 High School All American Football team, was Freshman Football All-State Nominee, Freshman Special Teams Player of the Year, 2014 High School Season Kohl's Kicking All American Team, 2015 All Conference Soccer, 2015 High School Soccer Team MVP, 2015 Football 2nd Team All-State Special Teams, 2015 Special Teams Player of the Year, and a member of the National Honor Society.

Braxton will be attending the University of Oklahoma as a PWO kicker for the football team this summer.

GRADUATIONS



Ashley Elinor Vance is a 2016 graduate of Saint Edwards University in Austin, Texas.

She received her bachelor's degree in history, and graduated summa cum laude.

She is the daughter of Tommie Carolyn Vance, and the granddaughter of Tom Norton, long-time member of the Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas.

Ashley is considering continuing her education by working towards a master's degree. She is currently working as a college advisor to an online university.



Connor Patrick York is a 2016 graduate of Texas A&M University Mays Business School with a master's degree in finance, and a bachelor's degree in accounting and business honors. He graduated magna cum laude.

He is the son of Greg and Suzanne York, of Argyle, Texas. Connor is photographed with his grandfather, Patrick Z. Wyers, of Crowley, Texas.

Connor is extremely grateful for the support received from the Chickasaw Nation Higher Education Department and Scholarship Program.

He is currently taking the exams necessary to become a Certified Public Accountant and will begin his career with the Audit division of KPMG in Dallas.



Kendall Layne Horton is a 2016 graduate of Midlothian High School, Midlothian, Texas. She is the daughter of Kyle Horton.

Her passion is serving the special needs community coaching a cheer team to the 2015 World Special Olympics in Los Angeles. She was a featured speaker at the 2015 Origami Owl Custom Jewelry national convention where she spoke on "Passion: Being a Force for Good."

She plans to pursue a degree in psychology and behavioral science.



Michaela Lynn Johnson, of Oklahoma City, is a 2016 graduate of Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Okla.

She received her bachelor's degree in human sciences, majoring in nutritional sciences with an option in community nutrition, and a minor in health education and promotion. Her future plans are to complete the Certified Health Education Specialist exam, and pursue her interests in health and nutrition education.

Michaela received Chickasaw Foundation grants in the final years of her formal education, and she deeply appreciates the assistance the Chickasaw Nation has provided in helping her pursue her goals.

She is the daughter of Rhonda Johnson-Davison, and the granddaughter of Rotha Giese, both of Oklahoma City. She is the great-great-granddaughter of Ira Montford Johnson, an original Dawes Commission enrollee, and a son of Montford T. Johnson (The Chickasaw Rancher) of Silver City, Okla.



Olivia Shaffer is a 2016 graduate of Whitworth University, Spokane, Wash. She is the daughter of Shawn Shaffer and Kiersten Shaffer.

Olivia graduated with an undergraduate degree in English literature, and proudly wore her Chickasaw stole at her graduation.

Her family is extremely grateful for all of the support and assistance from the Higher Education Department and the Chickasaw Nation throughout her college career.



William Robert Sanders, of Keller, Texas, is a 2016 graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington. He is the son of Jeff and Samantha Sanders, brother of Maxwell, grandson of Jim and DeAnna Little, and Evonne Sanders.

He earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering on time and without debt thanks to the many generous grants and scholarships both earned, and given to him, by the University and the Chickasaw Nation.

During his time in college, he has served as the president of the UTA Chi Epsilon Civil Engineering Honor Society, the vice-president of the UTA American Society of Civil Engineers, and the captain of the UTA Concrete Canoe Team. William has worked as a

teaching assistant for UTA's "Engineering Problem Solving" course and has also held a number of positions at the National Chi Epsilon Civil Engineering Honor Society Headquarters in Arlington, Texas.

William's future plans are to continue working at the National Chi Epsilon Headquarters, and to pursue a Master's of civil engineering in transportation at UTA. We are very proud of all you have achieved!

GRADUATIONS



Leslie Chris Wesberry, Jr., is a 2016 graduate of the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Leslie received his juris doctorate with a certificate in Native American law on May 14, 2016. He received his Bachelor of Business Administration from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in May 2013.

While at OU College of Law, Leslie served as Articles Development Editor for American Indian Law Review for the University Of Oklahoma College Of Law. Since 1973, the American Indian Law Review serves as a nationwide scholarly forum for analysis of developments in legal issues pertaining to Native Americans, and indigenous peoples worldwide.

This spring, Leslie completed an externship with the U.S. Department of Interior Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians in Washington, D.C. He received direct experience by participating in the daily operations of the office, and attending many meetings with state representatives at the congressional level.

Following the bar examination, Leslie will begin his law career with Burrage Law Firm in Durant, Okla. Leslie and his wife, Dara, currently reside in Norman, Okla.

He is the son of Chris and Stacy Wesberry, of Madill, Okla., the grandson of Lewis and the late Lucretia Wesberry, of Hendrix, Okla., and the late Joe and Peggy Riddle, of Ada, Okla.

CONGRATULATIONS



Chickasaw pitcher Brandon Bailey, of Gonzaga University, has been selected by the Oakland A's in the sixth round in the 2016 draft.

The 5'10" junior from Gonzaga had a career year in 2016 setting a West Coast Conference Tournament record of 17 strikeouts during his victory over BYU in the first game of the tournament. He ended his career third overall in single season strikeouts at Gonzaga with 125 K's and tied for 4th in career strikeouts with 278 over his three-year career.

In 2016, Brandon had record of 10-3 highlighted by wins over TCU in March and Arizona State in the NCAA Regional tournament in Fort Worth, Texas.

Brandon was a two time All West Coast Conference selection and was named West Coast Conference Pitcher of the Week six times during his career at Gonzaga. He was named to the 2016 West Coast Conference All Tournament team as well as to the NCAA Regional All Tournament Team. He finished this season ranked sixth in the nation in strikeouts and 20th in strikeouts per 9 innings.

Programs & Services Directory available

The 2016 Programs & Services Directory is now available for download at Chickasaw.net/servicedirectory. Hard copies will soon be mailed directly to all Chickasaw citizens. The Programs & Services Directory contains information about all tribal programs and services. Inside the directory are program descriptions, contact information and office locations.

CONGRATULATIONS



U.S. Army Capt. Aaron Love, a Chickasaw from Ardmore, Okla., has been awarded the Bronze Star for Valor for his heroic actions December 3, 2014 in Zabul Province, Afghanistan.

Capt. Love was serving his second tour in Afghanistan as an Army Special Forces

Operational Detachment Alpha "A-Team" commander while leading a combat reconnaissance patrol when his team was ambushed by insurgents. While another operator provided covering fire, Capt. Love ran more than 100 meters into heavy enemy machine gun fire to recover his medic, who had been shot in the forearm. While still under heavy fire, Capt. Love stabilized the soldier and realized the wounded soldier had his rifle shot out of his hands while atop a mountain. Capt. Love, again exposing himself to heavy machine gun and sniper fire, charged up the mountainside, engaging the enemy directly, secured the wounded soldier's weapon and fought his way back to his injured medic. He then picked up the wounded medic and moved him down the mountainside while under continuous fire. Once at the bottom of the mountain, Capt. Love called in an air strike, eliminating the insurgents.

Capt. Love and his wife, Blake, have a daughter, Corey. His parents are Ron and Denise Love. His grandparents are JBetty Love and the late Joyce Love, and the late Donald and Joyce Henry. He is a descendant of Bessie Moseley.

Capt. Love is currently stationed at Eglin Air Force Base, Destin, Florida.



Congratulations to Chickasaw citizen Landon Brown of Sulphur (OK) Elementary School for his academic achievements for the 2015/2016 school year.

His awards include Superintendent's Honor Roll all year, Chickasaw Honor Club, Star Student, Kiwanis Club Award for Terrific Kid, Bulldog Pride three of the four nine weeks, OK state Achievement in Reading, Amazing Artist, Outstanding Spelling, Math and Reading Awards, Cool Conduct, and Homework Hero Awards. He also played basketball and baseball while excelling in academics.

His parents are Dustin and Jill Brown. He is a great role model for his two brothers, Baylor and Austinb and sister, Ashlyn.



Chickasaw student Hunter VonTungeln, of Waipahu, Hawaii, was inducted into the National Elementary School Honor Society. Hunter is a student at August Ahrens Elementary in Waipahu, Hawaii. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. John VonTungeln, of Waipahu, Hawaii. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Amador Remular, of Waipahu, Hawaii, and Mr. and Mrs. Michael VonTungeln, of Ardmore, Okla.



Jeremy Tims (JT) a Chickasaw, came to the Oklahoma State Capitol to preach on "Storms in life" for Tuesday Devotionals, hosted by State Representative Lisa J. Billy, also a Chickasaw.

JT lives in Washington and is the director of the Norman Future of Christian Athletes(FCA) program. JT and FCA programs visit local area schools to spread the word of God to young athletes and all that attend the FCA meetings.

JT's grandparents are Don Tims (Choctaw) and Marlene Tims (Chickasaw) and are from Purcell, Okla.



Chickasaw student Keoni VonTungeln, of Waipahu, Hawaii, was the top fundraiser for Jump-Rope-For-Heart at August Ahrens Elementary in Waipahu, Hawaii.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. John VonTungeln, of Waipahu, Hawaii. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Amador Remular, of Waipahu, Hawaii and Mr. and Mrs. Michael VonTungeln, of Ardmore, Okla.



Chickasaw artist Lacyn Barton draws inspiration from Native culture.

Her art has been exhibited in several art shows at ArtWorks Galleries in downtown Richmond, Va.

Funeral director by day and artist by night, Lacyn was raised in the American Southwest and pulls the essence of American culture into her artistic school-glue creations. Her display gallery, Pasted Energy Studio, in downtown Richmond, is open to the public.

Lacyn specializes in custom, multi-canvas, school-glue paintings.

CONGRATULATIONS



Chickasaw citizen Mark Trotter received the Gavel Award at the 2016 Harvard Model Congress in Boston. Dedicated to teaching and inspiring the leaders of tomorrow, the Harvard Model Congress is the largest government simulation conference in the world, and is run entirely by Harvard

students. Mark served on the House Armed Services Committee.

The Gavel Award is the highest award given within each congressional committee. Mark is a rising senior at Charlotte Christian School in Charlotte, N.C.



Sha Patricia Ingram, a freshman at Oklahoma City University, was listed on the Dean's Honor Roll for both Fall/Spring semesters. Sha, a business administration major, attends the Meinders School of Business at OCU and was a recipient of the Chickasaw Nation Native American Business Academy Scholarship, the Chickasaw Foundation Stacie Lyn Hays Memorial Scholarship, and OCU Stars Softball scholarship.

Sha is the daughter of Darrin and Alisa Ingram, of Blanchard, Okla., the paternal granddaughter of James and Phyllis Ingram, of Enville, Okla., the maternal granddaughter of Randy and Mary Attocknie, of Oklahoma City, and of the late Patricia Attocknie, and the great-granddaughter of the late Lena and Dave Farve, of Enville, Okla.



Chickasaw citizen Tara Donaho, a freshman at the University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV), Edinburg, Texas, plays for the women's tennis team. She was recently voted Freshman of the Year for the Western Athletic Conference, and the women's tennis team won the conference title in May 2016 for the first time in program history. The team moved on to the NCAA Division I tennis tournament.

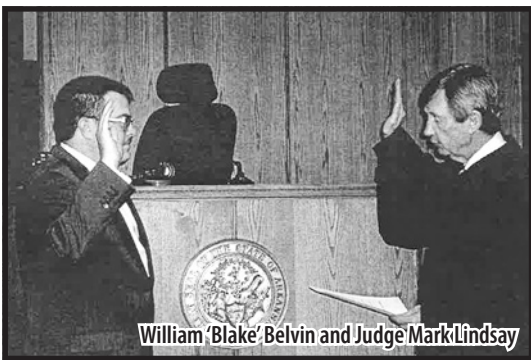
Tara has been at UTRGV for one semester and is a business major. She will be a sophomore at UTRGV during the 2016-2017 year, due to completion of several dual-credit college courses taken during her senior year at Belton High School in Belton, Texas that allowed her to finish up her freshman

year in college in one semester.



Tryston David Ingram, a sophomore at Blanchard (OK) High School, was recently inducted into the National Honor Society, and is also a 2-year member of the Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society by excelling in academics, character, community service, and cultural activities. Tryston also plays basketball for the Blanchard Lions.

Tryston is the son of Darrin and Alisa Ingram, of Blanchard, Okla., the grandson of James and Phyllis Ingram, of Enville, Randy and Mary Attocknie, of Oklahoma City, and the late Patricia Attocknie, and the great-grandson of the late Lena and Dave Farve, of Enville, Okla.



William "Blake" Belvin, son of Jimmy and DeAnna Belvin, of Norman, Okla., and grandson of Chickasaw original enrollees the late William Guy and Ruby Josephine Belvin, was notified recently that he passed the Arkansas Bar Exam. On April 7, 2016, Mr. Belvin was administered the Oath

of Office for admittance to the Arkansas Bar before the Honorable Judge Mark Lindsay of the Circuit Court of Washington County, in Fayetteville, Ark. On May 6, 2016, Mr. Belvin was also sworn in as an Officer of the Court by the Chief Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court in Little Rock, and was issued his license to practice law in the State of Arkansas.

Blake received his Juris Doctor law degree from the University of Arkansas School of Law at Fayetteville. His law practice will specialize in estate planning and taxation. Blake is currently working on his Master of Laws in Taxation (LLM) degree through the University of Alabama School of Law. He will complete the master's degree during summer of 2017. Blake would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Chickasaw Nation for scholarships and support through both his undergraduate and law school endeavors. He encourages young Chickasaw students to study hard and stay in school so they also can benefit from the many wonderful educational programs offered by the Chickasaw Nation. He has been very blessed by, and is very thankful for the support given him by the Chickasaw Nation.



William "Tuc" Schultz competed in his first Brazilian Jujitsu tournament on May 7 at the Southwest Oklahoma Grappling Championship in Lawton. He competed in three divisions, earning two Gold medals, and a Silver medal. He trains at Conquer BJJ in Ada with coaches Cortez Coleman, right,

and Brian Grinnell, left.

CONGRATULATIONS



Metro Tech has named Zac Smith, South Bryant Campus Auto Collision Program teacher, South OKC Chamber Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Smith came to Metro Tech straight from industry. Although he's a new teacher, his demeanor is that of a seasoned professional.

He was described by the nominating committee as someone who is "always ready to help and participate. His dedication to students shows in the students' 100% exam pass rate." Congratulations Mr. Smith! Glad you're on our team! #metrotechokc



Steve Nowlin, a Chickasaw, of Siloam Springs, Ark., is a 2016 graduate of Northwest Technical Institute in Springdale, Ark.

Mr. Nowlin completed 928 hours to earn a medical office assistance certificate at the Health Professions and Clinical Services department.

Mr. Nowlin is very appreciative of the assistance he received from the Chickasaw Nation Career Technology Program. The Career Technology program assists students with grant funding and incentives for completing professional certifications or licenses. Learn more at www.chickasaw.net.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Northern California Chickasaws are seeking Chickasaw military veterans

The Northern California Chickasaws are in the process of organizing a Chickasaw Veterans Group to assist our Veterans in applying for possible benefits available through the Veterans Administration (VA) and/or the California Veterans Administration (Cal-Vet). Many Veterans are unaware of the benefits they earned while serving our country. If you are a Chickasaw and Veteran of the US Military, the Reserves, or California National Guard, you are urged to contact us.

For more information please contact Don Yegge, Chickasaw Veterans Advocate, at 530-993-4843 or dyegge@gmail.com.

Rodke Family Reunion

The Rodke family reunion committee is seeking descendants of several families. The Rodke family reunion will be Labor Day weekend in Ada, Okla.

The committee is seeking descendants of Rod and Tad Murray, formerly of Pauls Valley, Okla.; Larry and Maude Ellen Bailey, formerly of Whitesboro and Denton, Texas; Tawana (Bailey) and Bob Williams, who lived many years in Saudi Arabia; and other Baileys who may live in the Dallas area.

Also sought are descendants of Lorenz and Elizabeth "Lizzy" Rodke, formerly of Stonewall, Roff and Florence Chapel (west of Paoli), all Indian Territory.

All Rodke descendants may contact the Facebook page or call Pauline Rodke at (405) 484-7219 or (580) 272-6572.

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE Legislative Special Session Legislature Building Ada, Oklahoma July 5, 2016	
AGENDA ITEM #1	CALL MEETING TO ORDER
AGENDA ITEM #2	ROLL CALL
AGENDA ITEM #3	INVOCATION
AGENDA ITEM #4	HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus
GR33-044	Gubernatorial Appointment to the Chickasaw Nation Ethics Commission, Ms. Teresa Bolin
GR33-045	Gubernatorial Appointment to the Chickasaw Nation Ethics Commission, Judge Aaron Duck
GR33-046	Gubernatorial Appointment to the Chickasaw Nation Ethics Commission, Mr. Bob Stick
AGENDA ITEM #5	ADJOURNMENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Land Development Committee · July 5, 2016*

Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Connie Barker
- Rules of Order Ad Hoc Committee · July 5, 2016*

Present: Beth Alexander, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, Connie Barker
- Rules of Order Ad Hoc Committee · July 11, 2016*

Present: Beth Alexander, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, Connie Barker
- Finance Committee · July 5, 2016*

Present: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Connie Barker

Absent: Nancy Elliott, Toby Perkins
- Finance Committee · July 11, 2016*

Present: Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Connie Barker

Absent: Linda Briggs

Chickasaw Foundation reception Aug. 9

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Foundation will host its 13th annual scholarship reception at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 9 at the Mc-Swain Theatre, 130 West Main in Ada.

Scholarship awards will be presented to the recipients. There will also be a PowerPoint presentation and refreshments.

The presentation and reception is open to the public at no charge.

From more information or to RSVP, contact the Chickasaw

Foundation at chickasawfoundation@chickasaw.net or by calling (580) 421-9030.

About the Chickasaw Foundation

The Chickasaw Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization founded in 1971. The Foundation seeks to preserve, promote and protect Chickasaw culture and development in a wide range of areas, from historic preservation to health care.

Product shortage impacts Bedre sugar-free candy

DAVIS, Okla. – Bedré Fine Chocolate will discontinue production of sugar-free candy due to the shortage of a sugar alternative.

Company officials said they believed the current sugar alternative used in sugar-free Bedre candy will be gone by mid-August.

Bedre general manager Kay Colbert is exploring alternatives to the key ingredient in order to maintain the company’s high quality and health standards.

Sales of existing sugar-free

Bedre products will be available for purchase at the Davis retail store until supplies are exhausted. Bedré Fine Chocolate is located off Interstate 35 at the State Highway 7 exit.

“We are hopeful this situation ultimately will provide us the opportunity to create new products that will continue to meet our customers’ expectations of high-quality chocolate,” Ms. Colbert said.



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JUNE 2016 LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE SPECIAL SESSION Legislature Building Ada, Oklahoma July 5, 2016	
AGENDA ITEM #1	CALL MEETING TO ORDER Chairperson Connie Barker called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.
AGENDA ITEM #2	ROLL CALL Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert (Late arrival; 9:02 a.m.), Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Connie Barker Member absent: Nancy Elliott, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary; Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms; Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel Guests present: Governor Bill Anoatubby, Teresa Bolin, Rita Loder, Tisha Culley, Bob Stick, Aaron Duck
AGENDA ITEM #3	INVOCATION Invocation was given by Ms. Green.
AGENDA ITEM #4	HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus General Resolution Number 33-044, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Chickasaw Nation Ethics Commission, Ms. Teresa Bolin This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Ms. Teresa Bolin to the Chickasaw Nation Ethics Commission to fill a term ending on September 30, 2016. A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Colbert to approve GR33-044. Members voting yes: Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 9 yes votes Member abstaining: Beth Alexander - 1 abstention The motion to approve GR33-044 carried.

General Resolution Number 33-045, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Chickasaw Nation Ethics Commission, Judge Aaron Duck

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby’s appointment of Judge Aaron Duck to the Chickasaw Nation Ethics Commission to fill a term ending on September 30, 2018.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR33-045.

Members voting yes: Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 9 yes votes

Member abstaining: Beth Alexander - 1 abstention

The motion to approve GR33-045 carried.

General Resolution Number 33-046, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Chickasaw Nation Ethics Commission, Mr. Bob Stick

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby’s appointment of Mr. Bob Stick to the Chickasaw Nation Ethics Commission to fill a term ending on September 30, 2017.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Mr. Colbert to approve GR33-046.

Mrs. Alexander voiced that she chose to abstain from voting because of her position of running in a campaign. Her abstaining did not reflect that she had any opinion of those selected to serve on the commission.

Members voting yes: Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 9 yes votes

Member abstaining: Beth Alexander - 1 abstention

The motion to approve GR33-046 carried.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM #5: ADJOURNMENT
The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Woerz, Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Prepared by:
Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

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CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 33-040
Approving an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Stephens Production Company Continental Properties, LLC

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, Stephens Production Company Continental Properties, LLC (Stephens Production, LLC), 623 Garrison Avenue, Fort Smith, Arkansas, wishes to enter into a three-year Oil and Gas Lease on Land jointly owned in trust by Cherokee Nation, Choctaw Nation and Chickasaw Nation, under which the lease would be automatically extended so long as oil or gas is harvested in “paying quantities,” and

WHEREAS, the property being leased to Stephens Production, LLC on the Arkansas Riverbed is described as: Section 35, Township 10 North, Range 25 East, I.M., containing 360.10 acres more or less, and

WHEREAS, for the oil and gas well on such property, Stephens Production, LLC shall pay a one-time bonus amount of \$1,800.50 of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$225.06. Stephens Production, LLC shall also pay \$3.00 per acre per annum, in advance, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$0.375 per acre per annum and additional 25% royalty fees of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive 3.125% the value of all oil and gas, or other Products, sold, or saved from the leased Property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby authorizes and approves the Governor to sign the proposed Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Stephens Production, LLC.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on June 15, 2016, by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation’s approving an Oil and Gas Lease on the Arkansas Riverbed in favor of Stephens Production, LLC, described as:

Section 35, Township 10 North, Range 25 East, I.M., containing 360.10 acres more or less

Presented by: Land Development Committee

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 33-041
Approving an Oil and Gas Lease in Atoka County
In favor of Jess Harris III, LLC

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, Jess Harris III, LLC, 13124 N. MacArthur Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, wishes to enter into a three-year Oil and Gas Lease on Land jointly owned in trust by the Choctaw Nation and Chickasaw Nation, under which the lease would be automatically extended so long as oil or gas is harvested in “paying quantities,” and

WHEREAS, the property being leased to Jess Harris III, LLC is described as: Undivided ½ mineral interest in the S½ NE¼ NE¼ of Section 15, Township 2 North, Range 12 East Atoka County, Oklahoma, containing 10 acres, more or less, and

WHEREAS, for the oil and gas well on such property, Jess Harris III, LLC shall pay a one-time bonus amount of \$127.52 per acre totaling \$1,275.20 of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$318.80. Jess Harris III, LLC shall also pay \$3.00 per acre per annum, in advance, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$0.75 per acre per annum and additional 18.75% royalty fees of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive 4.6875% the value of all oil and gas, or other Products, sold, or saved from the leased Property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby authorizes and approves the Governor to sign the proposed Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Jess Harris III, LLC.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on July

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15, 2016, by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation’s approving an Oil and Gas Lease in Atoka County, Oklahoma, described as:
Undivided ½ mineral interest in the S½ NE¼ NE¼ of Section 15, Township 2 North, Range 12 East Atoka County, Oklahoma, containing 10 acres, more or less.
Presented by: Land Development Committee

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 33-042
Approval of Development Budget Amendment
OKC Campus, Phase I

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and
WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and
WHEREAS, Section 10-201.4 of the Chickasaw Nation Code requires projects intended to develop tribal real property to be contained in a Development Budget, apart and separate from the Consolidated Governmental Budget, and
WHEREAS, the Governor has submitted the proposed revision to the Development Budget for the listed project in Exhibit A, and
WHEREAS, the requirements of Subsection 18-100.6(B) have been statutorily met by the Governor’s submission of this revision to the Development Budget.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby approves the revision to the Development Budget for the OKC Campus, Phase I, Project Number 20-0191-16 in the amount of \$19,164,880.00.
Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on July 15, 2016, by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
Explanation: This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the OKC Campus, Phase I, Project Number 20-0191-16 in the amount of \$19,164,880.00.
With the development of the Oklahoma City Campus, the Chickasaw Nation will have a permanent place in the metro area dedicated to serving the Chickasaw people. Phase I of this project will consist of construction of the OKC Community Center and the OKC Senior Center. The community center will serve as the meeting place for community counsel as well as provide a wonderful environment for families to hold various gatherings. The senior center will provide good healthy meals to our elders and a place to share fellowship and enjoy various activities offered. The site will have an abundance of activities to offer such as tennis courts, basketball courts, horse shoes, a walking trail or just picnicking by the lake.
Presented By: Finance Committee

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 33-043
Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and
WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and
WHEREAS, the Land Development Committee recommends the acquisition of real property in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma for the Chickasaw Nation to be added to the Chickasaw Nation Capitol Campus described as follows:
The Northerly 25 feet of Lot 3, Block 77, Town of Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma. Being more particularly described in Geodetic Bearings as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Lot 3, Block 77; thence S 55°25’06” E a distance of 150.00 feet to the Northeast corner of said Lot 3; thence S 34°34’36” W along the East line of said Lot 3 a distance of 25.00 feet; thence N 55°25’06” W a distance of 150.00 feet to a point on the West line of said Lot 3; thence N 34°34’36” E a distance of 25.00 feet to the point of beginning.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby authorizes and approves the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, or his designee, to negotiate the acquisition and conclude a Contract for the above described tract of land. Such contract shall be for a price not to exceed the Market Value Price, in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the Chickasaw Nation and those Rules and Regulations of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the United States Department of the Interior, as they may apply to such acquisition. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.
Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on July 15, 2016, by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.
Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation’s request to acquire real property in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, for the Chickasaw Nation to be added to the Chickasaw Nation Capitol Campus, described below:

The Northerly 25 feet of Lot 3, Block 77, Town of Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma. Being more particularly described in Geodetic Bearings as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Lot 3, Block 77; thence S 55°25’06” E a distance of 150.00 feet to the Northeast corner of said Lot 3; thence S 34°34’36” W along the East line of said Lot 3 a distance of 25.00 feet; thence N 55°25’06” W a distance of 150.00 feet to a point on the West line of said Lot 3; thence N 34°34’36” E a distance of 25.00 feet to the point of beginning.
Property Location: North Fisher Street, Tishomingo, Oklahoma
Use: For addition to the Chickasaw Nation Capitol Campus
Purpose: Self-determination
Presented by: Land Development Committee

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 33-044
Gubernatorial Appointment to the Chickasaw Nation Ethics Commission
Ms. Teresa Bolin

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property subject to federal law, and
WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and
WHEREAS, the Chickasaw Nation Ethics Commission was created by act of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature and signed into effect by the Governor, and
WHEREAS, the Chickasaw Nation Ethics Commission is comprised of three (3) commissioners and
WHEREAS, Governor Bill Anoatubby has appointed Ms. Teresa Bolin to fill a vacant seat on the Chickasaw Nation Ethics Commission.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby confirms the appointment of Ms. Teresa Bolin to the Chickasaw Nation Ethics Commission, to fill a term ending on September 30, 2016.
Executed in a special session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on July 5, 2016, by a vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstentions.
Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby’s appointment of Ms. Teresa Bolin to the Chickasaw Nation Ethics Commission to fill a term ending on September 30, 2016.
Presented by: Human Resources Committee

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 33-045
Gubernatorial Appointment to the Chickasaw Nation Ethics Commission
Judge Aaron Duck

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property subject to federal law, and
WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and
WHEREAS, the Chickasaw Nation Ethics Commission was created by act of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature and signed into effect by the Governor, and
WHEREAS, the Chickasaw Nation Ethics Commission is comprised of three (3) commissioners and
WHEREAS, Governor Bill Anoatubby has appointed Judge Aaron Duck to fill a vacant seat on the

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Chickasaw Nation Ethics Commission.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby confirms the appointment of Judge Aaron Duck to the Chickasaw Nation Ethics Commission, to fill a term ending on September 30, 2018.
Executed in a special session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on July 5, 2016, by a vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstentions.
Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby’s appointment of Judge Aaron Duck to the Chickasaw Nation Ethics Commission to fill a term ending on September 30, 2018.

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 33-046
Gubernatorial Appointment to the Chickasaw Nation Ethics Commission
Mr. Bob Stick

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property subject to federal law, and
WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and
WHEREAS, the Chickasaw Nation Ethics Commission was created by act of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature and signed into effect by the Governor, and
WHEREAS, the Chickasaw Nation Ethics Commission is comprised of three (3) commissioners and
WHEREAS, Governor Bill Anoatubby has appointed Mr. Bob Stick to fill a vacant seat on the Chickasaw Nation Ethics Commission.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby confirms the appointment of Mr. Bob Stick to the Chickasaw Nation Ethics Commission, to fill a term ending on September 30, 2017.
Executed in a special session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on July 5, 2016, by a vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstentions.
Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby’s appointment of Mr. Bob Stick to the Chickasaw Nation Ethics Commission to fill a term ending on September 30, 2017.
Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Kullihoma fall deer permit requests
now available

K U L L I H O M A
- Special permit requests for Chickasaw citizens to hunt deer at Kullihoma must be submitted to the Chickasaw Ranger’s Department by Sept. 16 at 5 p.m.

Chickasaw hunters wishing to participate may contact the ranger’s office at (580) 310-6466 for more information. The completed permit request and attached copy of Chickasaw citizenship card or CDIB card can be mailed or hand delivered to the Chickasaw Nation Rangers Department, 221 N. Rennie, Ada, OK 74820. Completed requests can also be emailed to Rick.Carson@Chickasaw.net.
The following dates for deer hunting are:
Youth - Oct. 18-20. Youth hunters, ages 8-18, are welcome and must be accompanied by a parent.
Archery - Oct. 1 through Jan. 15, 2014.
Muzzleloader - Oct. 26 through Nov. 3.
Gun - Nov. 23 through Dec. 8
Kullihoma is a 1,500-acre Chickasaw tribal reserve once used as a stomp ground, school and community. It is located approximately 10 miles east of Ada off state Highway 1. Signs will direct Chickasaw citizens to the location.

Chickasaw citizen running for state office in Minnisota

Chilah Brown is the Democrat-ic-Farm-Labor (DFL) Party candidate for state senate in Minnesota’s District 15. The district is in central Minnesota and includes the Mille Lacs reservation and citizens of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe.
Ms. Brown is the daughter of a Chickasaw father and Ojibwe mother. She was born and raised in Fittstown, Okla., where she lived on her grandfather Wilson James Brown’s allotment land, along with her father, Milton “Buzz” Brown and grandmother Pauline Brown.
Ms. Brown is currently a student at the University of Minnesota-Duluth where she is working towards a master’s degree in tribal administration and governance. She also works full-time

for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe as a legislative aide for her district representative.
District 15 is home to a diverse set of communities.
“My focus and reason for running for senate is to bridge the gap between communities so we can come together to address issues and create solutions that will benefit all,” she said. “We can only spark change in this district with a new type of leadership and representation.”
Ms. Brown faces fellow Democrat Rob Passons in the August primary election.



CHILAH BROWN

Tribe announces new appointments

Brashier appointed director of broadcast productions

ADA, Okla. - Governor Bill Anoatubby has appointed Brian Brashier director of broadcast productions in the Creative Services Division. He currently serves as broadcast production manager and general manager of KCNP Chickasaw Community Radio.

“My new responsibilities will include focusing on expanding the Chickasaw Nation’s reach through communication,” Mr. Brashier said.

“Brian Brashier brings a wealth of knowledge and a wide range of experience to his new position,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “His understanding of broadcast production and passion for sharing informa-

tion with the Chickasaw people make him well suited to serve in this capacity.”

Mr. Brashier began his career with the Chickasaw Nation in 1996 in television production. He filmed commercials and mini-documentaries for training purposes. Later, he was responsible for video conferencing and was eventually promoted to director of telecommunications. In 2002 he went to work in the tribe’s newly created Multimedia Department.

“I eagerly accept new challenges at the Chickasaw Nation because of my respect for Governor Anoatubby’s leadership and his vast knowledge of electronic com-

munications,” Mr. Brashier said. “It’s easier to serve someone who understands the technical and operational aspects of various mediums.”

In 2007, Mr. Brashier helped coordinate the purchase and development of KCNP Radio.

“Getting back into radio has been exhilarating,” he said.

A tiny skillet adorning his office wall in his office at KCNP provides evidence that his enthu-



BRIAN BRASHIER

siasm for broadcasting started at an early age.

“When I was six or seven, I used that skillet as my microphone,” he said. “I would interview everybody.”

His other passion is weather forecasting.

His first professional broadcasting break came when his hometown radio station in Paris, Texas, let him work as a disc jockey while he was in high school. After earning his journalism degree from the University of Texas in 1985, Mr. Brashier worked as a television weatherman with television stations in Ada, Okla., and Waco, Texas.

His passion for weather was

piqued as a youngster one stormy night when a lightning flash revealed the clear outline of a tornado bearing down on his community.

“It was an epiphany moment,” he said. From that moment on, he was hooked.

Mr. Brashier’s wife, Sheilla, is executive officer of Chickasaw Nation Community Outreach and Development. They have two daughters, Brealyn and Shann. Brealyn lives and works in Moore, Okla., and Shann is a freshman at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant.

Howeth new director of project support

ADA, Okla. - Governor Bill Anoatubby has appointed Maria Howeth director of project support in the Department of Community Services. Ms. Howeth most recently served as manager of grant compliance and monitoring.

“Ms. Howeth has a strong grasp on the important role collaboration and partnerships play in our mission to enhance the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “Her passion for service and dedication to meeting our commitments make her well-suited for this position.”

Ms. Howeth has a passion for advocacy in service to Chickasaw citizens.

“The whole reason you need a grant is to help somebody,” Ms.

Howeth said. “It comes down to being a servant. You have to be a servant in order to help the people with these grants. It makes me very proud to see that some of the work I do actually affects them.”

Ms. Howeth’s first responsibility with the Chickasaw Nation began almost nine years ago as an accounts payable clerk. She developed those skills while working in her family’s retail business. Her next responsibility was in the Office of Budget and Support, which included involvement with grants. She continued to receive more responsibility in the Division of Compliance, and the Office of the Undersecretary.

“We are currently monitoring about 65 grants,” she said. “If one of the departments sees a grant

it would like to have for its program, the staff contacts our project development team who helps them write the grant and make sure they can actually deliver on it. Once it’s through that process and it’s approved and awarded through the agency, then it comes to me.

“That’s when the fun starts. We get to see the department work the grant and see the good that it does. It’s the payoff. That’s when we get to see the work and the passion of the people. Grants have afforded a lot of opportuni-



MARIA HOWETH

ties for the Nation we may not have otherwise had.”

Agencies who award grants - federal, state or private nonprofit entities - perform onsite visits to ensure the money they provide is used in the way the grants stipulate. Ms. Howeth and her team make sure everything is in order all along the way. This, too, is a great source of pride.

“When we deal with our (grant partners), they know we’re good stewards with their money,” she said. “They know we’re going to run it efficiently and they don’t have much to worry about when the Chickasaw Nation gets a grant. It makes me proud.”

Ms. Howeth holds a master’s in business administration from Southern Nazarene University and a bachelor’s degree from East

Central (OK) University.

She said she had two great business mentors. One is her father, the other is Governor Anoatubby.

“I learned a lot about business from my father,” she said. “The second one is Governor Anoatubby. I learned a lot on a grander scale how one man can impact tens of thousands of people. And I’m not talking about just Chickasaw citizens. I’m talking about the communities. Look at these 7,600-plus square miles we encompass and the number of people there. How many have not been affected by Gov. Anoatubby’s vision? It would be hard to find someone who hasn’t.”

Moffat named executive director of digital design and development

ADA, Okla. - Governor Bill Anoatubby has named Jonathan Moffat Executive Director of Digital Design and Development.

Mr. Moffat was promoted to the post. He has served the last several years as web development director.

“Jonathan Moffat brings a unique combination of education, expertise and creativity to this position,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “His knowledge, experience and commitment to service make

him well suited for this position.”

Mr. Moffat will manage a staff of 36 people in several departments including graphic design, photography, web development, vital statistics and resource information. Those departments are responsible for projects such as the annual Chickasaw Nation calendar, annual Progress Report, Annual Meeting and Festival collaterals, Chickasaw.net, ChickasawKids.com, and ChickasawPress.com, among others.

Mr. Moffat began his career with the tribe in May 2004 as a web developer in what was then the Chickasaw Nation Division of Communications.

“I have been fortunate to be able to have spent my entire time



JONATHAN MOFFAT

in the same department,” he said. “I was promoted to project manager, then manager and then director. The appointment of executive officer came recently.”

He received a bachelor’s degree in business administration from East Central (OK) University with concentration in management information systems.

“In all, I have been in web design and development nearly 20 years, including time as a freelance developer before beginning

my career with the Chickasaw Nation, Mr. Moffat said.

“In my new role, I am working to continue the great quality of projects these departments have been completing. We will be looking at addition ways to focus our efforts in support the Chickasaw Nation’s mission and vision.”

Mr. Moffat and his wife, Randi, have two children, Kaitlyn and Dylan. They reside in Latta.

Newsom named director of food distribution/farmers market, nutrition education

Governor Bill Anoatubby has appointed Roxanna Newsom director of food distribution/farmers market and nutrition education programs in the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health.

“Roxanna Newsom understands the importance of ensuring nutrition services are easily accessible,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “Her extensive experience and passion for serving people make her a good fit for this position.”

Ms. Newsom, an Ardmore, Okla., native, said her 27 years working with the tribe have been a labor of love.

“I love what I do,” Ms. Newsom said. “I truly do. I love the people I get to work with and the people we get to serve. It’s extremely re-

warding to meet the nutritional needs of those we serve.”

Ms. Newsom is responsible for distributing food, plus nutrition education programs. She oversees nutrition centers in Ardmore, Ada, Duncan and Purcell; a seniors farmers’ market program; a fruit and vegetable program to serve Chickasaw elders over the winter months; a nutrition education program that includes cooking classes; a diabetes prevention program and more.

Some of the services her department provides extend beyond the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation.

“Food distribution is limited to the 13 counties, but the farmers’ market is not,” she said. “We have

a sizable population we serve in Oklahoma City and working in the Ardmore building gives me the opportunity to see how many Chickasaw citizens we serve from Texas.”

Ms. Newsom said her goal was to make access to food distribution as easy as possible.

“We have an automated system that allows our clients to pick up food at any of our nutrition sites,” she said. “What we’re really working toward is to make it as con-



ROXANNA NEWSOM

venient as possible for the clients we serve.”

Ms. Newsom’s first responsibility with the tribe was working with the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program, after which she transitioned to the Head Start program for four years before rejoining WIC. She has worked with Chickasaw Nation food distribution since 1999.

She said she was privileged to have witnessed the changes that have taken place since she first started work with the Chickasaw Nation nearly three decades ago.

“I have so much respect for Gov. Anoatubby,” she said. “That’s when you really started to see the moral compass of the tribe really get in line with what you would

hope to see and where we are now. It’s been incredible to see it firsthand and to experience it and to just be a part of it. His vision and integrity are amazing and it really makes me proud to be a Chickasaw citizen and to be employed with the tribe.”

Ms. Newsom is the granddaughter of original enrollee James Belton Harlin, Sr. and proud of her Indian heritage.

In her spare time, Ms. Newsom enjoys gardening, reading and spending time with her five-year-old grandson.

Stafford new Community Outreach director

ADA, Okla. - Governor Bill Anoatubby has appointed Melissa Stafford director of the tribe’s Community Outreach Division.

“Ms. Stafford understands the importance of maintaining open lines of communication with our citizens,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “Her extensive knowledge of programs and services combined with her commitment to service make her a great fit for this position.”

Ms. Stafford began her career with the Chickasaw Nation in multimedia as the director’s administrative assistant. She was later promoted to special projects supervisor and then to administrative manager. In January 2014 she transferred to Community

Outreach where she served as manager.

“As a Chickasaw citizen, I think it’s great that I get to not only have a job that is great by any standards, but then I get the added bonus of serving citizens,” Ms. Stafford said. “I get to wake up every day with such a purpose. I can’t imagine doing anything else right now.”

Ms. Stafford and her team regularly visit citizen groups locally and in other states. Chickasaw Citizen Connection groups are a way of ensuring Chickasaw citizens maintain a close connection with their history, culture and tribal services, particularly in communities outside tribal boundaries.

The number of Connection groups continues to expand across the 13-county tribal area as well as the rest of the U.S. Connection groups exist in New England, the West Coast and Gulf Coast, and many places in between. They meet monthly, bi-monthly or quarterly, depending on the particular group. A Chickasaw Nation Community Outreach Division representative is present at each group meeting.

Ms. Stafford said her team



MELISSA STAFFORD

members act as liaisons, to answer questions, provide information and to learn what issues citizens may be struggling with that a tribal program may help resolve.

Tribal departments are invaluable to fulfilling her division’s function.

“I’m so blessed because the contacts for the departments know Community Outreach and what we do, so when we call, their attitude is that they just can’t help us enough,” she said. “We get so much support in doing whatever it takes to help citizens.”

Governor Anoatubby also takes a very active role in the citizen group activities.

“His connection to the groups

is very important to him,” Ms. Stafford said.

Her new responsibilities include attending tribal leadership meetings.

“That will help with community outreach because directors from all departments will be there and I’m going to learn things I might not have been exposed to otherwise,” she said. “I’m really excited about getting to take part in that because the more I can learn the more I’m going to serve citizens.”

Ms. Stafford graduated from East Central (OK) University with a degree in sociology and a minor in human services counseling.

Todd named director of clinical dietetics at Okchmali Cafe

Governor Bill Anoatubby has appointed Melanie Todd director of clinical dietetics at the Okchamali Café. Ms. Todd formerly worked as food service manager in the Department of Health nutrition services.

The unique, health-focused café is in the Town Center area of the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada.

“Melanie Todd has the education and experience necessary to serve the Chickasaw people well in this new position,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “She understands the role of proper nutrition in maintaining a healthy lifestyle and is committed to offering the tools people need to

make proper nutrition a priority.”

Ms. Todd said she expects her new role to grow along with the Chickasaw Nation.

“The Chickasaw Nation is expanding,” Ms. Todd said. “We’re seeing more and more visits throughout the hospital and the health department. As this campus grows, our café services are going to be more in demand.”

Ms. Todd holds a master’s degree in nutrition from the University of Central Oklahoma, and a bachelor’s degree in nutrition from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. She joined the Chickasaw Nation in February 2000.

“The Chickasaw Nation of-

fered me an amazing opportunity,” she said. “It’s a privilege to take care of citizens. I just love it. We’re about providing a really great service to people. We’re about educating them, hopefully to make lifestyle changes. We couldn’t do that without Gov. Anoatubby who provides that leadership. It’s an honor and a privilege to work in an organization under Gov. Anoatubby.”

Ms. Todd said fighting diabetes



MELANIE TODD

lean protein, as well as promoting water throughout the facility.”

Ms. Todd and her staff serve in excess of 1,000 meals daily to Okchamali Café patrons and in-room patients. Patient menus require different approaches depending on physician-prescribed dietary requirements.

“Different patients have different diets, so our employees have to be skilled on knowing all those requirements,” she said.

Ms. Todd said her young children, ages 2, 4 and 6, and her husband, a chiropractor, occupy her free time.

“We stay busy,” she said.

Edgar new executive officer for Project Development and Review

ADA, Okla. – Governor Bill Anoatubby has appointed Melissa Edgar Executive Officer of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Project Development and Review.

Mrs. Edgar stepped into the leadership role after dedicating the past 16 years to the service of the Chickasaw people. She and her team work with Chickasaw Nation project directors to identify, develop and submit grant applications.

“Mrs. Edgar brings a great deal of experience in the fields of

health care and community services to her new position,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “Her understanding of the important role partnerships play in meeting our mission makes her well-suited to serve in this capacity.”

The team also provides full grant life cycle support. This includes training, reviews, regulatory assistance, reporting support, and closeout functions for programs once a grant is awarded.

Orchestrating grant applica-

tions, providing technical writing assistance, reviewing grant files, and coordinating visits with federal agencies are among Mrs. Edgar’s duties.

“With over 60 grants from almost 20 agencies, we enhance the lives of the Chickasaw people



MELISSA EDGAR

by working alongside Chickasaw Nation staff and supporting the amazing programs that provide services to our citizens,” Mrs. Edgar said.

The Project Development and Review staff must stay current on all information relevant to the grants that fund tribal services. These grants directly affect the quality of life of the Chickasaw people.

Mrs. Edgar credits her team’s continued efforts and its deep dedication to the Chickasaw Nation

and its citizens.

“It’s an honor to serve the Chickasaw people and to lead a group of talented and driven individuals,” Mrs. Edgar said. “I’m thankful for those people along the way who have believed in me and have helped bring me to this chapter in my life.”

Mrs. Edgar has a husband and two daughters. She said her family is her greatest accomplishment, and spending time with them is her most rewarding pastime.

Students enjoy experience at CNASA, Space Camp

Learning about science, math, aviation and engineering was an “out-of-this-world” experience for Chickasaw youth over the summer. As part of the Chickasaw Nation’s dedicated science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education program, two popular summer camps provided youth with once-in-a-lifetime opportunities.

Forty-seven Chickasaw students learned about aviation, engineering, science, space and more at a week-long day camp, June 6-10. The Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Science Academy (CNASA) did more than demonstrate the scientific principles of flight, air pressure, gravity and engineering. It engaged participants in experiences they would not soon forget.

Students got a front row seat in the cockpit of a small airplane, a favorite activity of many of the campers. They experienced virtual skydiving at iFly in Oklahoma City. The water bottle rocket launch taught the principles of air pressure, and it was fun!

On the final day of camp, students were all given a challenge - build a boat that can float, then race it to win. Participants were separated into teams, then given supplies and three hours to create a water-tight vessel.

“Teams get to work together to design and build the boats using engineering and planning skills,” STEM program manager and camp facilitator Luke Kerr, said. “At least one person must ride in the boat.”

As the boats began to take the shape of canoes, squares, rectangles and triangles, students used their creativity and critical thinking skills to build. Parent mentor and former engineering mentor Justin Brown supervised the teams for the third year.

“The boats look better this year,” he said. “Some kids are back from previous years applying what they have learned.”

Mr. Brown’s son, sixth-grader Vincent, was attending CNASA for the second year. His team worked on a ship called Titanic 2.0.

Elijah Buckout and his team worked on their “Canoe of Doom.” This was Elijah’s third year at CNASA and he said he was using tips he learned in previous years to create a winning boat.

As time ran out, campers sur-

veyed the other teams’ creations and assessed the competition.

“I don’t want to burst your bubble,” a camper said, “but another team is doing the exact same thing as us.”

“We’ll just have to make ours better,” Elijah replied.

The 10 teams carried their completed boats to the swimming pool at the Ada Family Life Center. Competition was fierce as the cardboard vessels went head-to-head in a tournament-style race from one end of the wellness center pool to the other.

In the end, “Canoe of Doom,” built by Caleb Hane-graaf, Vernie Liebl, Elijah Buckout, Logan Hulbutta and Jordan Muirhead reigned as the champion.

Just as the cardboard boats set anchor, Mr. Kerr and his team were on a bus headed to Huntsville, Alabama bound for Space Camp.

Students played the roles of astronauts in training at the June 13-17 overnight camp. Students studied engineering, space technology, aerospace science and experienced hands-on training while learning about the mental, emotional and physical demands astronauts face.

Forty-eight Chickasaw students, age nine to 18, from around the country were selected to attend the camp at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. Space Camp is another component of the STEM program, created to inspire and prepare students to pursue careers in the science, math, engineering and technology fields.

“You know, we have other children,” a parent told Mr. Kerr. “They have dreams just like any kid. One wants to be a cheerleader. One wants to be a firefighter. I’m a proud dad, and am happy to support them. This one, this one though, she wants to go to Mars! I guess I’ve got some time to start wrapping my head around that.”



Chickasaw students spent five days at Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama, June 13-17. These “cadets” prepare for a mission simulation to learn more about the demands of being an astronaut.

Simulated spacewalks, mission control demonstrations and training missions made the camp a close to real-life experience for campers. During camp, participants are divided into three groups by age and live in quarters engineered to mimic the International Space Station.

“Aside from being immersed in science tech, another rewarding benefit, and probably the best one, is the exposure to new experiences,” Mr. Kerr said. “Alongside our group of Chickasaw campers, are kids from all over the country, sharing the experience, and working together for a common goal. It’s truly a unique experience, and due to the limited amount of spots, is probably our most competitive camp each year!”

The Chickasaw Nation has an exciting history with space exploration and aviation. The first Native American to carry out a spacewalk was Chickasaw astronaut John Herrington. Mr. Herrington was part of the Endeavour crew and carried the Chickasaw Nation flag with him on his 2002 journey.

The late Chickasaw aviatrix Pearl Carter Scott was the youngest pilot in the U.S., learning to fly under the tutelage of Wiley Post in 1929 at age 13.

Chickasaw boy hits the track as micro sprint car driver

A Chickasaw boy is making a name for himself in micro sprint car racing.

Nine-year-old Ryder Laplante, of Calera, Okla., started his racing career at age five. He overcame a serious heart condition at age three. Doctors weren’t sure Ryder would be able to participate in sports, but the youngster has forged ahead with his racing hobby.

Micro sprint cars are open-wheel vehicles that resemble full-size sprint cars, but are much smaller. The cars race on dirt tracks and are primarily recognizable by their large “wings,” which exert downward pressure to keep the cars on the track.

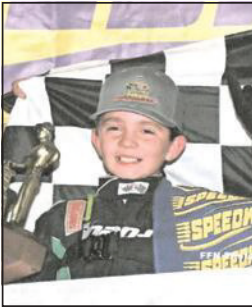
Ryder has been competing since 2012 and has steadily risen to a top driver. His biggest victory has been the 31st Annual Tulsa Shootout, run in January at Expo

Square in Tulsa. He made it to the finals of the race by doing well in early heats and qualifying races.

This year, Ryder has moved into the restricted micro sprint division and will be competing primarily at I-44 Riverside Speedway in Oklahoma City.

When he isn’t racing, Ryder enjoys fishing, boating and basketball. You can follow Ryder on Facebook at Laplante Racing.

Ryder is the son of Kevin and Amy Laplante.



RYDER LAPLANTE

Barnes retires from Cancer Society

Mary Ruth Barnes has announced her retirement following eight years with the American Cancer Society.

Mrs. Barnes, a Chickasaw, served as director of estate and gift planning for the Society. She was regularly recognized as a top fundraiser and documented over \$32 million in new expectant gifts during her tenure.

Prior to joining the Society, Mrs. Barnes was director of development for the East Central (OK) University advancement office. She was responsible for all major fundraising activities and brought in one of the largest donations in university history, \$8 million.

Mrs. Barnes served as executive

director of the Valley View Foundation before joining ECU.

The American Cancer Society expressed its gratitude for Mrs. Barnes’ service and her achievements in fundraising throughout her territory of Oklahoma, southern Kansas and southwest Missouri.

Mrs. Barnes’ last day on the job was August 2.



MARY RUTH BARNES

Chickasaw girl fighting leukemia

Rachel Scott is 12-year-old Chickasaw girl facing a serious health challenge with courage.

Rachel, of Midwest City, Okla., was diagnosed earlier this year with leukemia. Since her diagnosis, she has endured traditional cancer treatments that have included spinal taps, bone marrow aspirations, chemotherapy and hospital stays.

She has maintained a positive attitude and faith in God. Her parents, Bryce and Cindy Scott, are hopeful she will soon enter the maintenance phase of her treatment. Her entire treatment plan will be a minimum of two and one-half years.

Rachel’s total medical costs have exceeded \$1 million. The Scotts’ insurance has covered much of the expense, but Mrs. Scott has had to stop working to care for Rachel.

A gofundme site has been es-

tablished at www.gofundme.com/rachel-scourage.

Chickasaw Nation Housing has assisted the family with wheelchair modifications for their home. Chickasaw Nation Health has assisted with referrals and guidance to additional resources.

Rachel is hoping to go back to school in December. She is a member of the show choir, band, pep club, cheerleading, student council and honor society.



RACHEL SCOTT



More than 100 girls filled the Ada Cougar High School Football Complex, Saturday, June 25 for Champions Cheerleading Clinic. The clinic focused on jumps, motion, dance and cheers. Champions Cheerleading Clinic coordinator Dawn Heupel said the clinic focused on strength training and inspirational talks.



More than 150 young Chickasaw athletes learned football skills led by veteran coaches and players during the Champions Football Clinic, June 23-25 at the Ada High Football Complex. The clinic featured both offensive and defensive drills. Champions Football Clinic Coordinator Ken Heupel said this clinic also teaches youth the value of hard work, discipline and determination.

Kids get a taste of law enforcement environment at Lighthorse Academy

ADA, Okla. – Thirty-one Chickasaw youth gathered at Lighthorse Police headquarters in Ada, June 20-23, for a four-day academy focusing on teambuilding and police procedure.

Each year, the Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Youth Academy provides an opportunity for Native American youth ages 9-15 to explore a potential career in law enforcement. Cadets hear presentations from law enforcement personnel who understand the daily challenges faced within the tribal law enforcement community. Team building, communication, safety and crime prevention are stressed.



Group photo of the 2016 Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Youth Academy.

“We started the academy to get the children familiar with the police and to build a rapport with the community,” Lighthorse Officer Justin Smith said. “We give them insight and hopefully impact some of these children lives so we can eventually hire them when they get older.”

Keeping in line with the daily routine of a Lighthorse officer,

the cadets start each morning with physical training.

“We have to take a physical effective battery twice a year, so we run the kids through a simulation,” Lighthorse Officer Hunter Nickell said. “They had to do max situps in a minute, max rep pushups in a minute and an agility run and a sit and reach test. We want to give them an idea of what we have to pass and let them practice and see what it is.”

At the academy, lessons cover a wide spectrum of law enforcement procedures and practices. Participants are presented with opportunities ranging from the proper use of handcuffs to self-

defense tactics.

During the course, activities centered on working together as a team, much as officers do on the job. Cadets participated in a ropes course exercise traversing the course blindfolded using only communication with teammates to make it to the end.

Her first time at the academy, Kendra Hatton, 15, of Ada, decided to attend the academy with her brother Samuel, 11.

“I like all the teambuilding activities,” she said. “If you are an individual it’s harder to do things, but if you’re together it’s



Lighthorse youth cadets Chase Jones and Dale Turner, learning self-defense tactics during the Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Youth Academy, Jun 20-23.

easier. I’ve learned how to respect police more. It’s important because they protect us.”

For more information on the Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Youth Academy, contact Sara Miller at (580) 436-7231 or sara.miller@chickasaw.net.

On the courts with Chickasaw Tennis Camp

ADA, Okla. - Chickasaw youth learned to love the game of tennis during Chickasaw Nation Tennis 101 & Tennis II Clinics, June 6-10 at the Ada Tennis Center.

More than 140 Chickasaw youth learned the game and rules of tennis and improved skills and built on techniques. Both clinics offer the tools necessary to build a lasting foundation for the sport of tennis.

“I chose this camp, because it was fun,” Elsa Munoz, of Ada, said. “I love tennis and the coaches are awesome.”

This is Elsa’s second year to attend Tennis 101 clinic.

“This is a great camp to attend, even if you are just starting to learn about tennis,” she said.

Players were split into separate groups to practice on specific ten-



Tennis 101 students running through a drill.

nis skills. Throughout the camp, sportsmanship and integrity were stressed. Experienced tennis instructors and student athletes served as instructors. Skip Griese, Terry Swopes and Carolyn Nimmo were among the coaches.

“I wanted to attend this camp, because I like playing tennis and I want to improve in the sport,” Sania Richardson, of Ada, said. “I know I can get better if I continue to attend. Last year I had a lot of fun learning the basics of tennis

and this year was even better. There are a lot of great coaches.”

This is also Sania’s second year in the camp. She plans on sticking with this camp to become a professional tennis player.

Oklahoma State Rep. Todd Thomsen was the guest speaker for the Tennis II Clinic

this year. Rep. Thomsen was the kick-off specialist and punter on the University of Oklahoma football team that won the 1985 national championship.

“I don’t look back on all the games and championships I have won,” he said. “I look back on all of the missed opportunities. In the past, I wish I wasn’t afraid of failing. I would have taken more opportunities at your age.”

Culture, college focus at Leadership Academy

DURANT, Okla. - This summer, Chickasaw high school students lived the college life for 12 days on the campus of Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant.

Nineteen students attended the Chickasaw Summer Leadership Academy, June 12-23. The young scholars lived on campus and sampled a series of classes to prepare them for the future and learn about their shared history.

“This is a great program for introducing college to students who may be intimidated or otherwise not plan to attend college,” Chickasaw Nation Director of Education Danny Wells said. “I am a first generation college student, so I realize the importance of making the students feel comfortable.”

Students learned about Chickasaw history and culture, attended college preparatory courses including American College Testing (ACT) prep workshops and heard from guest speakers who spoke about college life.



Chickasaw high school students learned about Chickasaw culture and history, college prep and college life at Southeastern Oklahoma State University’s Chickasaw Summer Leadership Academy, June 12-23. Front row from left, Breanna Schultz, Maegan Carney, Starla Wood, Raven Carney, Hailey Ellis, Calee Ragsdale and Savannah Weems. Middle row from left, Lauren Almaraz, Cassidy Ardrey, Kaitlyn Tingle, John West, Haley Caney, Katelynn Humphries, Jennifer Kemp, Chantelle Standefer, Tristan Brantley and Gabrielle Padilla. Third row from left, Jason Morgan, Damion Jackson, John West, Jacob Moody, Levi Hinson, Triston Lackey, Bruce King, Danny Wells, Sean Burrage and Chris Kates.

“My favorite experience during this academy was meeting new people and learning about college, learning what we have to do to prepare and what classes are available,” Raven Carney, Ardmore (OK) High School junior, said. “This experience has been a big help in getting me prepared for college.”

Leadership Academy participants learned about the history of the Chickasaw people through several lectures that included Chickasaw life from pre-Colombian times to European contact, to the founding of the U.S., Removal

and sovereignty.

Culture workshops on art and humanities were also featured. Students learned how to make traditional dreamcatchers and attended a basic Chickasaw language course.

Additionally, the academy provided coursework on the aspects of leadership, instruction on research projects and public presentation experience.

“I learned a lot about the college experience,” Maegan Carney, Ardmore senior and former Chickasaw Princess, said. “I liked all of the activities we were able to do, learning from our research and learning about our culture and history.”

The academy provided a valuable foundation for higher education, but it also allowed for a little down time. Leisure activities included a trip to Six Flags and outings to the movies. The Chickasaw Summer Leadership Academy occurs annually, providing young leaders the opportunity to experience heritage, history and culture while preparing for the future.

Education, Indian business, Affordable Care Act, more topics at Inter-Tribal

NORMAN, Okla. – Governor Bill Anoatubby presented the Louis LeFlore Scholarship to Tammy Chandler July 8 during the quarterly meeting of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes. The scholarship is given by the Chickasaw, Cherokee, Choctaw, Muscogee Creek and Seminole tribes annually to students pursuing education in a medical profession.

Mrs. Chandler, a proud Chickasaw citizen from Dickson, Okla.,

is projected to earn her nursing degree from East Central (OK) University in summer 2017. Upon completion, she will be a registered nurse.

Her desire is to work with hospice patients.

“Mrs. Chandler is very deserving of this scholarship,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “It is very gratifying to offer support to someone who is dedicating her life to helping others through such a difficult time.”

Hospice care provides terminally ill patients with end-of-life care. Mrs. Chandler wishes to dedicate her time to minister to both the patient and family as “warmhearted and as tenderly as possible,” and hone her “mother hen” skills, she said with a laugh.

This summer, Mrs. Chandler has volunteered her time with Cross Timbers Hospice of Ardmore,

Boys compete in Diamondbacks camp

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. - Chickasaw first baseman Kale Crossley, 15, used superior athletic skills to help lead his team, Oklahoma Natives, to first place in a national tournament sponsored by Major League Baseball’s Arizona Diamondbacks.

Each year in June, the Diamondbacks host the Native American Baseball Invitational tournament for teams comprised entirely of Indian athletes.

Kale’s brother, Trey, 12, also found great success with his 12-and-under team that won two of three games but did not advance due to tournament “pool” regulations. The team that advanced did not suffer a defeat.

Trey was the winning pitcher in the opener June 8 that went into extra innings against the Salt River Tribe of Arizona. In the third game against the New Mexico Diamondbacks, Trey went 2-for-3 at the plate, driving in the tying run in the bottom of the ninth. Trey’s team went on to win in extra innings.

The Chickasaws were selected to play by Oklahoma coaches who were recruiting players for the tournament.

According to their father, James Crossley, the Chickasaw Nation Summer Youth Baseball program helped his sons excel through preparation and training. The boys have a natural talent for the game. Instructors at the Chickasaw program, Mr. Crossley said, understand how to build on such talent.

“The true fundamentals of baseball are stressed at the Chickasaw camp: fielding, batting, throwing and how to play better ball mentally,” Mr. Crossley said. “The camp makes children better ball-players and gives them the tools to make a difference on the field.”

Both Kale and Trey have participated in the camp three years.

“It is training they would not receive but for the Chickasaw Nation,” Mr. Crossley said. “It also allows them to work with other coaches who can guide them and potentially tell other coaches they are worthy of scholarships once their high school years are completed.”

Indian athletes from across the Midwest and Southwest participated and dozens of tribes were represented.

Kale’s team faced the Falcons from California, Chinle White Sox, Naataanii, Dog Soldiers, 4 Jesus Christ from Oklahoma, and Mesa Indians of Arizona in the championship game.

The Oklahoma Natives defeated



James Crossley, center, congratulates his sons, Trey, left and Kale, right, for being chosen to play in the Native American Baseball Invitational tournament held in June. The tourney is hosted by the Arizona Diamondbacks, a professional ball club, for teams comprised entirely of Native American athletes.

the Mesa Indians in extra innings to become back-to-back champions. Kale hopes to carry on and repeat as champions next year.

Trey’s teams played against the Kumatke Reds, Top Dawgs and SR Banditos.

A dominant “baseball gene” runs in the Crossley family. Mr. Crossley’s daughter, Kobe, was a standout fast-pitch softball player for the Newcastle (OK) High School Pacers and earned a scholarship last year to play for the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma in Chickasha.

Kobe was coached by her uncle, Mike Crossley, considered one of the finest coaches in high school prep softball and baseball. Mike Crossley has taken his teams to more than 20 state tournaments and has a state championship trophy. Recently, Mike Crossley celebrated his 600th win in boys’ baseball at Newcastle and could see his 900th win in softball this season.

James Crossley remains active in the sport as well, playing recently in a tournament at Kansas City for a professional ball club.

“It is something our family has loved and enjoyed for generations,” he said.

James, like his brother Mike, competed at Oklahoma City University.

“I remember my father playing in fields all over the state, but particularly in the Tupelo-Allen area,” James Crossley said. “He was a fine player, very skilled and talented,” he said of his father, Lee.

Even his mother, Nina, played in an all-Indian fast-pitch softball league back in the 1960s when he was a toddler.

“The entire family is dedicated to baseball and always has been.”

Kids learn tribal justice system at Judicial Camp

More than 85 Chickasaw students attended this year’s Yaakni Inaahpisaat Chokma “The Nation’s Laws are Good” Camp, June 30-July 1. This two-day camp promotes leadership, growth and an understanding of the tribal legal system. Students visited the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) facilities and the Pontotoc County Jail



Judicial Camp

facilities. They also participated in mock trial to understand the court and legal processes.

Paula Margaret James



Paula Margaret James, age 72, of Tulsa, Okla., formerly of Atoka, Okla., passed away Monday, May 23, 2016 at Atoka. She was born December 18, 1943, to C.P. “Roe” and Mary Sybil (Williams) James, at Oakland, Calif.

She attended grade school at Wilson Elementary School, graduated from Wapanucka High School in 1960, received her Associates degree from Murray State College in 1962, then later graduated with her B.A. in education from Southeastern State College in 1964.

Paula was a teacher, and she taught at Hamilton Jr. High in Tulsa for 30 years.

She was a lifelong member of the Garnett Church of Christ. She enjoyed watching sports, baking, cooking, crafting, decorating, and reading.

She was preceded in death by her parents, C.P. “Roe” and Mary Sybil (Williams) James.

She is survived by her sister, Janis Hardison and husband, Richard, of Atoka; brother, Clifton James and wife, Stacy, of Atoka; nephews, Eric Hardison and wife, Shawna, of Ada, Okla., Clint Hardison and wife, Stacy, of Mead, Okla.; great nephews and nieces, Cooper Hardison, Emma Hardison, and Landry Hardison, all of Ada, Clint Michael Hardison, Sierra Hardison, Jasper Hardison and Andrew Hardison, all of Atoka; special cousins, Mary Watson and Lou Mitchell, both of Atoka; along with other relatives and many dear and loved friends.

Services were on Friday, May 26, 2016 at Brown's Funeral Chapel in Atoka. Minister Joe Ware officiated. Internment followed at Rosehill Cemetery in Wapanucka, Okla.

Casket bearers were Hank Williams, Eric Hardison, Clint Hardison, Rick Hardison, Michael Hardison, and Martin Williams. Honorary casket bearers were Dan Hardman, Jerry McCurry, Kenneth Cleveland, Haskell Cook, and Darwin Hall.

OC Beshirs



OC Beshirs passed from this life on May 24, 2016 in Durant, Okla. at the age of 86. He was born on December 8, 1929 in Yuba, Okla. to James Alexander and Isdora Gannon Beshirs.

Raised in Bryan County, OC later moved to Lorenzo, Texas where he spent many years working repairing water wells. He later moved back to Bryan County. He married Barbara Duke on April 4, 1987 and they have been blessed with 29 years of marriage.

OC was a member of Victory Tabernacle Church in Durant and he was proud of his Chickasaw Heritage. He enjoyed woodworking, playing cards and spending time with family and friends.

OC was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers; three sisters; and grandson, Willie Kelso.

OC is survived by his loving wife, Barbara Beshirs of the home; sons, Clabourne Beshirs (Judy), of Ralls, Texas, Gerald Beshirs, of Lorenzo, Texas, and Ray Beshirs (Linda), of Haskell, Texas; daughters, Reba Norris (Walt), of Lubbock, Texas, Janet Johnson, of Lubbock, Texas, Deb-

bie Norris (Scott), of Ralls, Texas, and Yvonne Miller (Joe), of Spur, Texas; brother, Joe Beshirs, of Kerrville, Texas; step sons, Jarry Malany, of Colbert, Dennis Malany, of Phoenix City, Ala.; step daughters, Willene Barkley, of Achille, Barbara Cale, of Achille, Treba Davenport, of Durant, and Dwana Farrell, of Durant; 18 grandchildren; numerous great, and great-great-grandchildren, and extended family and friends.

Funeral services were at 10:00 AM Thursday, May 26, 2016 at Victory Tabernacle Church. Pastor Doyle Pair officiated. Pallbearers were Doyle W. Pair, Dewight Sutterfield, Louis Rose, Bobby Brewer, Dale Pair, and Joe Beshirs. A second service was at 10:00 AM Friday, May 27th at the First Baptist Church in Lorenzo, Texas. Interment followed in Lorenzo Cemetery.

Kathryn Ruth Trammell



Kathryne Ruth Trammell passed away May 3, 2016. She was born September 29, 1955 in Elgin, Okla. to Lemuel and Juanita Apala.

She was a retired nurse's assistant and enjoyed horseback riding, the outdoors, and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her parents, Lemuel and Juanita Apala, of Sperry; brothers, Robert and Mike Apala, of Oklahoma City, and Sperry; son, Dustin Trammell, of Tulsa; daughter, Rikki Grimm, of Tulsa; grandchild, K.J. Grimm, of Tulsa; and fiancé, Larry Reed, of Sand Springs.

A memorial service was at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, May 21, 2016 at the Lakeview Southern Baptist Church, 5480 W C Rogers Blvd, Skiatook, OK 74070.

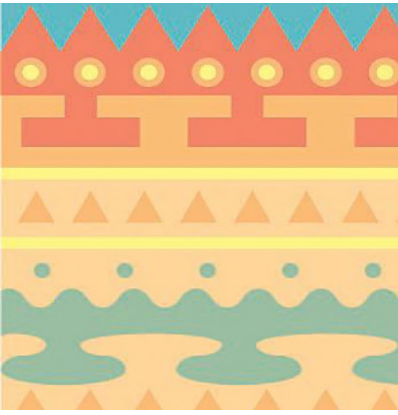
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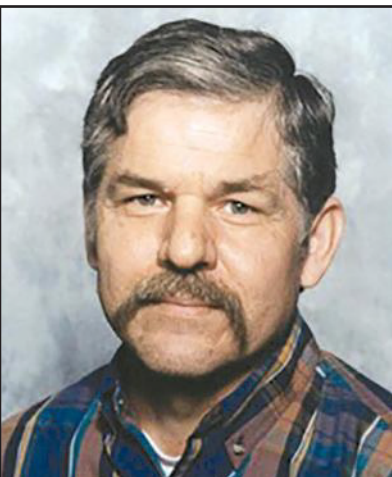
Johnny Lee “Indian” Ellis passed away February 25, 2016. He was born March 14, 1944 in Freer, Texas to John Earl Ellis and Evelyn Tucker Whalen.

Johnny was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He was a Citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and very proud of his Native American heritage. He worked as a pipeline welder for 35 years before retirement. His hobbies included fishing, hunting and traveling.

Survivors include his loving wife of 51 years, Sharon Ellis; daughter and son-in-law, Sherry and Darryl Bowers; two grandchildren, Bryan Lee Bowers and Kaylee Ann Bowers; mother, Evelyn Whalen; two sisters, Lila Hamby, and Sally Bell; brother, Ernest Whalen, Jr.; and several nieces and nephews.



Delton Stanley ‘Del’ Crutchfield



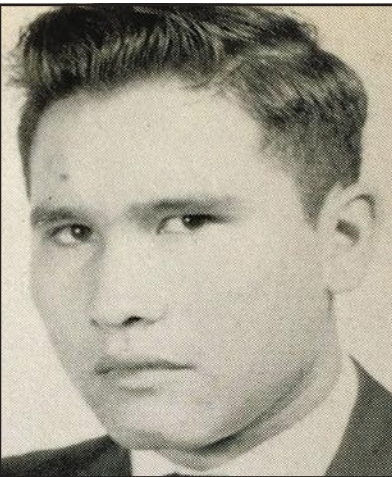
Delton Stanley “Del” Crutchfield, 68, resident of the Blue Mountain Community for 31 years, and husband of Lori Greer Crutchfield, departed this life Friday morning June 24, 2016 at Baptist Memorial Hospital at New Albany following an extended illness. A Service of Remembrance honoring his life was June 26 at Ripley Funeral Home, with burial in Blue Mountain Cemetery.

Mr. Crutchfield was 1/4 Chickasaw. A native of Natchez, Miss., he was a former resident of Memphis where he was employed by Kimberly-Clark Corporation. An active member of the Blue Mountain Community, he had coached little league baseball and served as a Cub Scout leader in past years. He enjoyed NASCAR and outdoor activities that included fishing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cecil and Liz Crutchfield, and Ola Mae Reddinger; and a brother, Edward Crutchfield.

In addition to his wife of 39 years, he is survived by his children, Rebecca Harris (Casey) and Kevin Crutchfield (Kimberly), of Ripley, and Sandra Bridges (Lonnice), of Drummonds, Tenn.; his sister, Stephanie Wolf, of Memphis; mother-in-law, Martha Greer, of Falkner; grandchildren, Courtney Ward (Brad), Jackson, Kyson and Dauson Harris, Parker Reid Crutchfield, and Clayton Bridges; great-grandchildren, Ava and Landon Ward; sisters-in-law, Regina McKinney, of Ripley, Lisa Larson, of Cleveland, Tenn., Melanie McCullough (Billy), of Blue Springs; and brothers-in-law, Ronald Greer (Trish), of Olive Branch, and Gary Greer (Tonda), of Blue Mountain.

John Dennis Ned



John Dennis Ned, 78, a Coalgate resident passed away on June 30, 2016 at Midwest City, Okla. He was born on February 11, 1938, to Abe and Lena Bertha (Carr) Ned, at Lawton, Okla.

He graduated from Coalgate High School in 1956 and then attended Murray State College. He received a Bachelor's Degree from Oklahoma State University, and then received his Masters of Business Administration from Westminster College in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dennis had a varied and successful career with a Fortune 500 Company, retiring as a operations manager. He then worked for a number of tribal nations, running Health and Social Services.

Dennis married Jo Ann Patton on August 30, 1959. She preceded him in death on June 25, 2016.

He was a 47-year member of Masonic Lodge #6 in Lawrence, Kan. He was a member of the Selective Service Commission during the Reagan and Bush Administrations. He was also a Coalgate, Murray State, and OSU Football player.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Abe and Lena Bertha (Carr) Ned; wife, Jo Ann (Patton) Ned; brother, George Ned; sisters, Ozella Mae Dayton, Doris (Ned) Kent, and Bobbi (Ned) Simmons.

He is survived by his son, John Douglas Ned, of Seattle, Wash.; daughter, Dena Ned and Colin Johnson, of Salt Lake City, Utah; grandson, Cedar Baldwin of Salt Lake City, Utah; sisters, Nina Johnston, of Coalgate, Okla., Edith Mobbs, of Atoka, Okla., and Betty Perrier, of Shawnee, Okla.; along with numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives, and dear friends.

Michael Simeon ‘Sam’ Cortez



Michael Simeon “Sam” Cortez, a life-long resident of Calif., passed away on April 13, 2016 at the age of 50. Michael was born in San Bernardino, Calif. on May 23, 1965.

He graduated from Folsom High School and attended California State University, Fullerton. He was gifted with many diverse talents which he used in his various careers. First as a controller, and again in his most recent career endeavor – training aggressive dog breeds. Michael was a beautiful soul who brought joy and laughter to everyone who knew him.

He loved cheeseburgers, guitar playing, and going to the beach. Michael loved fiercely and was passionate about his wife, family, friends, music, the San Francisco 49ers, and the San Francisco Giants.

He is survived by his wife, Norma Jenart; his parents, Michael and Sharon Cortez; siblings, Michelle Murphy, Sherry Brazil, Eric and Marnie Rhoads, and Blayne Cortez; mother-in-law, Patricia Jenart; brother-in-law, Michael Jenart; sister-in-law, Ann Henderson; and nephews and nieces, James Murphy, Brad Murphy, Brendan Rhoads, Trevor Rhoads, and Natalie Cortez. Our world will be a little darker without the burst of light we knew as our husband, son, brother, uncle, and friend.

Michael (Sam) Simeon Cortez was a proud citizen of the Chickasaw Nation. His great-great-great grandfather was Booker James (born 1829, Wapanucka, Johnson Co, Okla.), who served the Chickasaw Nation with distinction in the elected position of Treasurer from 1892-1894.

May Michael's moccasins leave many tracks for us to follow. We are told as children that when you walk on the land, you leave your breath wherever you go and that particular spot on the Earth never forgets you. We will never forget you my son; you are part of us. May a rainbow always touch your shoulder.

Jessie Lee Sandefur



Jessie Lee Sandefur, 86, of Madill, Okla. passed away Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at the Texoma Medical Center in Denison, Texas. She was born on December 24, 1929 in Alex, Okla. to John Martin Richardson and Julia Underwood Richardson.

Jessie was raised in Alex and Stonewall, Okla. before moving to Madill in 1949. Jessie married Cleo Martin Sandefur on April 5, 1949 in Grayson County, Texas, and he preceded her in death on March 30, 2011.

She received her Master's in Education at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. She worked as an Elementary Teacher for 20 years, and had received the Teacher of the Year award. Jessie was a member of the EA, NEA and was President and Secretary of the PTA. She was also the President, District Director and on the State Finance Board for the local B&PW.

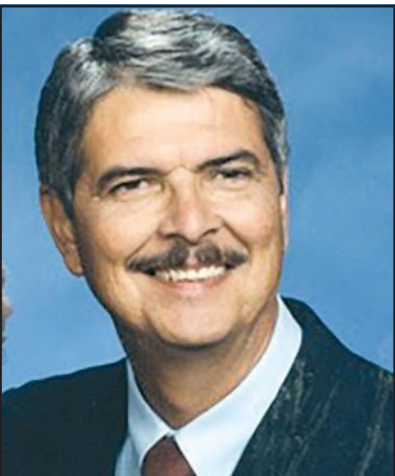
Jessie was a very active member of the Church of the Nazarene where she served on the board and as church secretary and treasurer. She also taught Sunday school, sang in the choir,

and received a Distinguished Service Award for church service. Jessie was a member of the Retired Educator's Association, VIP member Award Oyohoma, where she served as President, Vice President, and Secretary. She also was a member of the Chickasaw Council of Elders and Co-chairman of the Chickasaw Senior Nutrition site where she served as President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Jessie enjoyed reading, gardening, and loved her church.

Jessie was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one brother, LD Richardson; and one sister, Addie Bea Brownen.

She is survived by Gary Sandefur and wife, Kathy, of Stillwater, Okla.; Richard Sandefur and wife, Cattie, of Norman, Okla.; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and sister, Mary Jo Byrd, of Stonewall, Okla.

Carl Edwards Evans



Carl Edward Evans, 71, of Madill, Okla., passed away Thursday, June 30, 2016 at the hospital in Oklahoma City. He was born on June 2, 1945 in Oklahoma City to the late Nelson Evans and Winona Iola Johnston Evans.

Carl was raised in Oklahoma City and graduated from Central High School in 1963. He married Carolyn Ruth Watts on March 5, 1966 in Oklahoma City. Carl served in the United States Air Force before going to Central State and Rose State in Oklahoma City where he received an Associate's Degree in accounting. He worked for Western Electric/AT&T/ Lucent Technologies for 31 years. In 1997 he moved to Bridgeview and worked for O'Reilly Auto Parts, Marshall Memorial Hospital, and later, for the Chickasaw Nation. Carl was a member of the Creekmore Masonic Lodge #74 and served as Past Master. He was also very proud of his Chickasaw Heritage. He enjoyed fishing, golfing, bowling and loved working in his yard, and spending time with his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents and seven brothers.

He is survived by his wife Carolyn Evans, of Bridgeview Resort; children, Melissa Wishon and husband, John, of Bridgeview Resort, and Jason Evans and wife, Lori, of Pink, Okla.; grandchildren, Courtney and Mike Hawthorne, Brittany and Michael Lucas, Kaley Schiemann, and Dash Stanley; great-grandchildren, Drake and Jase Hawthorne, and Bryce and McKenna Lucas; brother-in-laws and sister-in-laws; many nieces and nephews; and friends.

Services were Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 10:00 am at the Watts Memorial Chapel in Madill, Okla. Ron Armitage officiated the service. Interment was at the Cumberland Cemetery in Cumberland, Okla. Casket Bearers were of the Creekmore Masonic Lodge #74.

LaJuana Sue Ledbetter

LaJuana Sue Ledbetter passed away Monday, June 6, 2016 at her home. She was born December 14, 1958 in Oklahoma City to Gene Everett and Leota Pearl Kirkwood Williams. She attended Allen schools.

She married Floyd Gene Ledbetter, Jr. February 14, 1985. Mrs. Ledbetter was a homemaker and of the Pentecostal Holiness faith.

She was preceded in death by a son, Anthony Eugene Williams; and a sister, Wakeitha Mae “Keitha” Williams.

Survivors include her husband, Floyd, of the home; a son, Matthew Ledbetter, of Ada; daughter, Latonia Orphan, of Byng; ten grandchildren, Latavia, Chloe, Mannix, Olivia, Kyson, Zayla, Rodrik, Lakala, Jacob, and Trista; two great-grandchildren, Kelbie and Kamryn; her parents, Gene and Leota Williams, of Allen;

56th Annual Meeting and 28th Chickasaw Festival Schedule			
September 23 - October 1			
DAY/DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Friday, September 23	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Pontotoc Pursuit Packet Pickup	Chickasaw Foundation, 2020 Arlington, Suite 4, Ada, OK
	9:00 AM	Registration - Chickasaw History Challenge Bowl	CCC/Sulphur
	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Chickasaw History Challenge Bowl	CCC/Sulphur
	7:00 PM - 2:00 AM	Social stickball game/Stomp Dance	Kullihoma
Saturday, September 24	7:30 AM	Golf Tournament Registration	Tishomingo Golf Course
	8:00 AM - 8:40 AM	Pontotoc Pursuit Registration	Wintersmith Park/Ada
	8:00 AM	1 Mile Fun Walk	Refuge Road/Tishomingo
	8:00 AM	Cornstalk Shoot Registration	Kullihoma
	8:30 AM	5K Run	Refuge Road/Tishomingo
	8:30 AM	Kids Cornstalk Shoot	Kullihoma
	9:00 AM	Co-Ed Slow Pitch Softball Tournament	MSC / J.C. Sports Complex/Tishomingo
	9:00 AM	Golf Tournament Begins	Tishomingo Golf Course
	9:00 AM	Jr. Olympics Registration	THS Football Field/Tishomingo
	9:00 AM	Pontotoc Pursuit Ride Begins	Wintersmith Park/Ada
	10:00 AM	Jr. Olympics Begins	THS Football Field/Tishomingo
	10:00 AM	Traditional Cornstalk Shoot Begins	Kullihoma
	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Chickasaw Bank Museum (Open)	Tishomingo
	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Chickasaw Capitol Building (Open)	Tishomingo
	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Chickasaw Council House Museum (Open)	Tishomingo
	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Chickasaw White House Tours	Emet
	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Chickasaw Cultural Center (Open)	Sulphur
	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Frybread Making Classes	CCC/Sulphur
	1:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Stickball Tournament - Kids and Adults	CCC/Sulphur
	6:30 PM	Movie Night (Pearl)	CCC/Sulphur
	7:30 PM	Movie Night (Star Wars: The Force Awakens)	Capitol Grounds Lawn/Tishomingo
Sunday, September 25	12:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Chickasaw Cultural Center (Open)	CCC/Sulphur
	1:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Living History Vignettes	CCC/Sulphur
	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Native Dance Exhibition and Regalia Fashion Show	CCC/Sulphur
Monday, September 26	6:00 PM	Princess Pageant	Ada Cougar Activity Center
Tuesday, September 27	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Chickasaw Senior Olympics	MSC/J.C. Sports Complex/Tishomingo
Tuesday, September 27 - Thru - Friday, September 30	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Cultural School Tours	Capitol Grounds West Side/Tishomingo
	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Kids Activities Tent, Inflatables, Petting Zoo	W. 8th Street (N. side of Capitol)/Tishomingo
	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Stickball Demonstrations, Dance Troupe & Cultural Demonstrations	Capitol Grounds West Side/Tishomingo
	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Storytelling/Living History Vignettes	N. Mickle and W. 9th/Tishomingo
	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Tours of Tishomingo Museums	Capitol Grounds/Tishomingo
	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Chickasaw Bank Museum (open)	Tishomingo
	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Chickasaw White House Tours	Emet
Thursday, September 29	4:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Cultural Evening	CCC/Sulphur
	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Arts & Culture Awards	CCC/Sulphur (Anoli' Theatre)
	7:30 PM	Reception	CCC/Sulphur
Friday, September 30	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Vendors: Arts & Crafts/Food	West 8th Street (North side of Capitol)/Tishomingo
	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Southeastern Art Show and Market	Capitol Grounds South Side/Tishomingo
	8:00 PM - Until Finished	Johnston County Riding Club Rodeo	MSC Rodeo Arena
Saturday, October 1	8:00 AM	Chickasaw Citizen Registration	MSC Student Center
	9:00 AM	Annual Meeting	MSC Fletcher Auditorium
	9:00 AM	Fast Pitch Softball Tournaments (Womens and Mens)	MSC / J.C. Sports Complex/Tishomingo
	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Chickasaw Bank Museum (Open)	Tishomingo
	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Chickasaw Capitol Building (Open)	Tishomingo
	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Chickasaw Council House Museum (Open)	Tishomingo
	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Vendors: Arts and Crafts/Food	West 8th Street (North side of Capitol)/Tishomingo
	11:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Health Fair	Fisher Street/East of Capitol/Tishomingo
	11:30 AM	Horseshoe Tournament Registration	Corner of West 7th St. and N. Fisher Ave./Tishomingo
	11:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Southeastern Art Show and Market	Capitol Grounds South Side/Tishomingo
	11:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Chickasaw Press Book Signing	Capitol Building 2nd floor/Tishomingo
	11:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Cultural Demonstrations	Capitol Grounds West Side/Tishomingo
	11:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Petting Zoo, Kids Inflatables, Make and Take Tents,	West 8th Street (North side of Capitol)/Tishomingo
	11:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Souvenir Sales/two locations	West 9th and Mickle / West 8th and Mickle/Tishomingo
	11:30 AM - 3:00 PM	Chickasaw Traditional Meal	Fisher Street/East of Capitol/Tishomingo
	12:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Chickasaw White House Tours	Emet
	12:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Live Entertainment	Corner of North Mickle and West 8th Street/Tishomingo
	12:30 PM	Parade	Main Street Tishomingo
	1:00 PM	Parent/Child Fishing Tournament	North of Health Clinic/Tishomingo
	1:00 PM	Horseshoe Tournament Begins	Corner of West 7th St. and North Fisher Ave./Tishomingo
	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Storytelling/Living History Vignettes	Corner of North Mickle and West 9th/Tishomingo
	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Cultural Classes - History and Culture	Capitol Grounds/Tishomingo
	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Chickasaw Cultural Center (open)	Sulphur
	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Stomp Dance Demonstrations	Capitol Grounds West Side/Tishomingo
	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Stickball Demonstrations	Capitol Grounds West Side/Tishomingo
	2:00 PM - Until Finished	Band Day Extravaganza	Tishomingo High School
	6:30 PM	Movie Night	CCC/Sulphur
	8:00 PM - Until Finished	Johnston County Riding Club Rodeo	MSC Rodeo Arena/Tishomingo
CCC = Chickasaw Cultural Center MSC = Murray State College J.C. Sports Complex = Johnston County Sports Complex THS = Tishomingo High School			

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Okla. It was her desire to gain a better insight into client needs, aspirations and care.

Mrs. Chandler's goal of earning a nursing degree has been her passion. Assisting others and helping their quality of life, she said, was essentially the reason she is pursuing a career in the medical field.

Mrs. Chandler and her husband, William, are raising three of her four children, Eric, Coby, Kalilee. Her fourth child, Kelcee, is out of the home and is the mother of one.

"In 2010, I was running my own cleaning service, but I wanted to make a difference in my life and in the lives of others as well," she said. "I want to serve not only the hospice patient but the entire family, too. I've been interested in it a long time and Cross Timbers Hospice has given me the opportunity to volunteer and work in the hospice field."

Several Inter-Tribal Council resolutions were passed unanimously and involved several far-reaching issues affecting Indian County.

The council:

- Opposed downgrading the Bureau of Indian Education office in Oklahoma City from an Education Resource Center, one of only seven in the nation. The council said such a move would result in a "significant reduction in education program services provided to schools and education programs operated by the Five Civilized Tribes ... and reduce public school Indian Education programs serving tribal citizens of the 39 sovereign Indian Nations (located in Oklahoma)."
- Supported a Small Business Administration Business Development Program for Native Americans. The council noted Native American-owned enterprises "provide quality performance at cost efficient rates to federal customers while (returning) significant benefits back to Native American communities."
- Supported a resolution affirmed by the Greater Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission to celebrate "Native American Day" in Tulsa. The council pointed out a growing number of American cities now recognized the second Monday in October as "Indigenous Peoples Day ... to celebrate our country's indigenous heritage, contributions and resiliency." Tulsa's population includes approximately 30,000 Native Americans.
- Backed the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma to have its former

"reservation lands" recognized by the United States. Despite the Seminole's "vast historic land holdings" currently less than 500 acres are held in trust for the tribe. The council said the Seminole tribal land base is a "vital aspect of the exercise of tribal sovereignty, is essential to the growth of tribal economics and the health, welfare and security of Indian people and is an integral part of the culture and heritage of Indian people." The council strongly supported treaty rights and the inherent right of the Seminole Nation to claim its former reservation lands and the United States honor and recognize the claim.

- Passed a resolution for "good faith" consultation with the University of Alabama concerning 117 sets of culturally unidentifiable human remains and 29 associated funerary objects. The university must develop a plan for the items under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) to transfer them to federally-recognized tribes on whose aboriginal land they were located.
- Requested the U.S. House of Representatives not cut funding to the Older American Act Title VI. The program provides adult day care, transportation, congregate and home delivered meals, information and referral, personal care and other supportive services to elders. The U.S. Senate approved a \$5 million cut in the program. The council maintains such cuts will impede the progress made in nutrition and home and community-based support services to tribal organizations impacting tribal elders, considered the group at greatest risk.
- Requested maintaining 2016 fiscal year funding of \$210 million to the office of Smoking and Health for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. A proposed budget cut in the program failed in Congress last year and by voicing its support to maintain funding, the tribes hope to head off a future funding cut effort. The resolution notes the program has seen 104,000 people quit smoking and more than 1 million attempted to quit through the program.



Governor Bill Anoatubby congratulates Chickasaw citizen Tammy Chandler after she was awarded the Louis LeFlore Scholarship to continue her nursing education with an emphasis on hospice care. The scholarship was awarded by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes.

- Asked the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to establish a startup funding stream to include tribal medical residency programs in rural America. Oklahoma ranks 49th nationally in access to primary care physicians. The council said there is an urgent need in rural Indian communities for family practice physicians and the funding stream would help in attracting qualified medical professionals into Indian Country.
- Called on the National Congress of American Indians to work toward reaffirming and preserving the rights of "removed" Native Nations and Tribes to their original homelands, including burial sites, sacred places, cultural locations, fishing, gathering and hunting areas. The five tribes noted nearly all Native people were removed from important historical and ceremonial locations throughout history. The council's action is to protect these locations sacred to Natives, religious leaders and historical religious practitioners.
- Called on the U.S. Department of Agriculture to initiate tribal consultations on issues related to the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). It is the only program that provides food assistance solely to Natives and Alaska Native people. The council would like face-to-face, government-to-government consultation on matters involving the FDPIR to protect tribal members' health and nutrition and fulfill the principles of tribal self-determination related to sovereignty, health, safety and welfare.
- Backed the Tribal Employment and Jobs Protection Acts of House Resolution 3080 and Senate Bill 1771. These pieces of legislation would exempt tribes and tribal employees from the employer mandate contained in the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Passage would reaffirm tribal sovereignty in decision making over its own employees; prevent tribes from Internal Revenue Service fines incurred by the ACA and ensures the federal government honors its trust responsibility to federally recognized Indian tribes.

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in applying for veterans' services and benefits on one side; and recreational amenities, including card tables, a pool table and a ping pong table, on the other side. Other features include a kitchen and dining area capable of supporting large gatherings and events.

The lodge will encompass about 15,000 square feet.

"It's a place to go and have fun and kick back and just enjoy each other's company, he said.

"The front courtyard will showcase the five military flags and seals and feature our largest Chickasaw Warrior statue. This statue symbolizes our Chickasaw warrior tradition, a tradition that you've carried on and kept alive."

The new veterans' center will also serve as a meeting place for the Chickasaw Honor Guard and house their rifles and equipment.

"For many years our Honor Guard has represented Chickasaw veterans at activities across the United States," Gov. Anoatubby said. "They meet regularly to serve at funerals, parades and a myriad of events."

Construction, he said, was expected to be completed by autumn of 2017.

"This conference center exists to recognize you as the greatest soldiers and the greatest citizens in the world," Gov. Anoatubby said. "It's really impossible to give you a gift as great as the freedom you have given us. The Chickasaw Nation will do what it can to honor your dedication and your sacrifice."

Formation of the Chickasaw Warrior Society that was announced at last year's veterans' conference has been completed and more than 1,000 Chickasaw veterans have joined. Benefits include a special decal to place on Chickasaw veterans' vehicles that grants preferred parking at Chickasaw Nation service facilities and certain Chickasaw businesses.

Maj. Ed Pulido, who lost a leg to a roadside bomb in Iraq, spoke to the gathering. Maj. Pulido is president of Warriors for Freedom Foundation that grants educational scholarships to children of veterans.

Other speakers included Maj. General Miles Deering, Chickasaw and executive director, Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs; Rebecca Owens, Ph.D. Candidate Veterans of Foreign Wars, appeals agent; and Kerry Inhofe, who discussed a Veterans Choice Act designed to improve access to health care for veterans.

Bill and Jerry Brown, both U.S. Navy veterans, said they very much enjoyed the conference.

"I think it's a great idea," Jerry Brown said. Bill Brown is from Frederick, Okla. Brother Jerry drove over 700 miles to attend the conference from Gulf Shores, Ala.

"I've attended both conferences," Bill Brown said. "Being around Army people, Navy people, it's good for relationships."

Chickasaw girl nets perfect scores on ACT, SAT

A Chickasaw girl has recently achieved a very rare academic milestone.

Chloe Ayers, a 16-year-old rising junior at Colleyville Heritage (TX) High School, has registered perfect scores on both the ACT (American College Testing) and SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Testing) tests.

The ACT and SAT tests are long-established standardized tests for high school achievement and college admissions in the U.S.

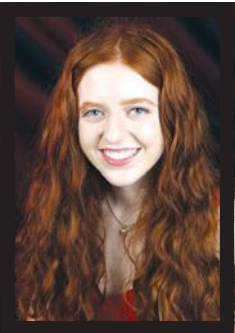
Chloe scored a perfect 36 on the ACT, and a perfect 1600 on the SAT.

Of the 1,845,787 students who took the ACT in the past cycle, only 1,407 received perfect scores. For the SAT, the count was 583 students out of 1,672,395.

Students can take the tests multiple times if they choose, but Chloe took both ACT and SAT just once.

Chloe is entering her senior year of high school and has not as yet chosen a college.

Chloe's parents are Jonathan and Deanne Ayers, of Colleyville, Texas.



CHLOE AYERS

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three brothers, Thomas Williams, Tim Williams and Paul Williams, all of Allen; and two sisters, Jean Tiger, and Leota Stick, both of Allen.

Kenneth 'Ken' W. Smith



Kenneth (Ken) W. Smith of Oklahoma City passed away on July 4, 2016 at the Oklahoma Veterans Center Norman Division after a long battle with Alzheimer's. Ken was born on April 4, 1932 in Hugo, Okla. to Willie Jean and Hearn Smith. Ken was the son of a Methodist minister and the youngest of seven children.

Ken served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He retired from the City of Oklahoma City after 30 years of loyal service. Ken was very close to his siblings. He loved his family and friends dearly. Ken and Emma had a lake place and he loved going there and fishing. He enjoyed dancing as well.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and six siblings, Oteka, Riley, Charlotte, Jean, Talmadge, and Virginia.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Emma Smith; his children, Terry Smith, Janet Rickard and husband, Tim, Nancy Hauck and husband, Chuck, and Joel Smith and wife, Susan; and step-children, Pam Helms, Natalie Simer, and Doug Simer and wife, Valerie. He is also survived by the mother of his children, Betty Aven; 11 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was Thursday, July 7, 4:00pm at Mercer-Adams Chapel with burial in Ft. Sill National Cemetery in Elgin, Okla. The family would like to express their deep appreciation to all of the staff at Veterans Center in Norman and Dr. Mark Adams for the kind and compassionate care that Ken received while he was there. They would also like to thank the staff of Valir Hospice for their care at the end. The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Douglas Foraker

Douglas Foraker, 87, of Shawnee, Okla., passed away Friday May 6, 2016 in Oklahoma City. He was born January 9, 1929 in Seminole, Okla. to Harry A. Foraker and Flossie (Alexander) Foraker. He attended school at Bowlegs and Seminole before graduating from Chilocco Indian School in 1947.

He then moved to Adrian, Mich. and worked as a mechanic at a Chevrolet and Buick garage. He joined the United States Air Force in 1951 and served for 20 years. He was a B-29 and B-50 Flight Engineer and Aircraft Maintenance Tech. He retired in 1971 at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, Texas. He then moved to Shawnee in 1972 and has lived there since.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and two sisters, Irene Merillat and Vivianna Wallace.

He is survived by a daughter, Linda Miller, of Shawnee; two grandchildren, Jonathon Miller, of Choctaw, and Aaron Miller and wife, Lauren of Oklahoma City; a sister, Olive Rae Bickerstaff, of Mich.; brother, Bob Foraker, of Maysville, Okla.; and numerous other family members and friends.

Services were Thursday, May 12, 2016 at Walker Funeral Service Chapel. Internment followed at Little Cemetery.

